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Records of The Conferences of  
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting  
& Bible-schools.

Fifth Mo. Second Mo., 1895.  
From 1882 to Eleventh Mo. 1894.







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This is the old Constitution & no longer in use, the existing one is in the last part of this book.

Constitution  
of the  
Friends Sabbath School Association  
of  
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.  
5<sup>th</sup> mo 10<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Objects: — This association shall be to stimulate and encourage sabbath school workers to greater exertion in the promotion of religious education.

To hold conferences for mutual encouragement and instruction as to the best methods of promoting the spiritual welfare of those in our schools.

To render assistance to and awaken a lively interest in our schools for each other by the appointment of visitors.

To collect facts and statistical information from our schools for presentation at our conferences.

Articles.

1<sup>st</sup> This association shall be called the Friends Sabbath School Association of Smithfield.

Quarterly Meeting, and shall consist of the several schools within its limits.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and a Secretary. The duty of the

President shall be to preside at all meetings of the association. The Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President. The officers to be elected annually.

3<sup>rd</sup>

The treasurer to receive all funds raised for the association and use them in accordance with its direction. The secretary shall record the doings of each meeting and the reports from each school.

4<sup>th</sup>

A committee shall be appointed annually consisting of two from each school whose duty it shall be to visit the several schools and report what in their judgment could be done to best promote the objects of the association.

5<sup>th</sup>

Meetings of the association shall be held once in three months at such times and places as the conference meetings shall determine.



6<sup>th</sup> All the schools in the association shall  
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7<sup>th</sup> Each school shall have a committee  
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Bolton 8th Mo. 9th 1882.

The Bolton School Conference was  
according to adjournment.

The Conference opened by singing,  
after which a portion of scripture was  
read followed by prayer.

The report of the Northbridge Conference  
was now read and accepted.

Intercommunion reports were read from

Worcester, Northbridge, Worcester and Bolton.

Also a verbal report from Northbridge on  
union all of which were both interesting and  
encouraging.

The following table shows the present  
condition of the schools from which  
reports were received.

	No. Enrolled	Average Attendance.
Worcester	69	45
Northbridge	14	9
Northbridge	21	16
Northbridge	19	11
Worcester	32	24
Bolton	57	37

The names of delegates were called as follows,  
Worcester - Mr. C. D. Moore, and



Harrison, Hybridge - Minerva Garrison,  
Forest H. Aldrich, Northbridge - Charles  
Lawler, Susan Lawler, Worcester - John  
McCarthy, Joseph H. Wheeler, Addie L.  
Lawrence, Sarah J. Smith, Boston - Samuel  
Wheeler, Norma Wheeler, Addie C. Wheeler,  
and were present - except six.

The committee who were appointed at  
last conference, to visit the several  
schools during the year, report all  
have been visited except Boston.

As a whole the schools were found to be  
interesting, although Mansfield was in  
a poor condition, and Hybridge and Burrill  
ville might be made more interesting.  
It is hoped each school will feel encouraged,  
and that through the help of committee,  
more work may be done, and a higher degree  
of interest maintained in each of the  
schools.

It was moved that <sup>each</sup> school should have a  
copy of the Constitution, and the Sec.  
of Conference was directed to prepare,  
and send a copy to each school.  
The question then came up, where the  
annual meeting should be held?  
After much consideration and discussion

it was decided by vote that it should be  
held at Dorchester.

The first question for discussion;  
"The Sabbath School being the treasure of the  
Church, are the members of the Church  
excusable, from engaging in the work  
of the Sabbath School?" was asked by James  
B. Smith. The thought therefore should  
not feel unwelcome that one there here for the  
school. There is the showing it to be  
a very hard question.

The Church is for the salvation of souls,  
and if the Sabbath School is the treasure,  
each should exert their influence for the  
salvation of all. Each one should bring  
it home to himself. Is it any duty to  
attend the Sabbath School, and stand by  
side? Every one who loves the Lord  
will find this, that any member will do  
some work for them and we stand  
condemned if we remain idle.

Every Christian will feel it a duty  
and privilege to work for the Redeemer,  
to care for the children given by us,  
and delight to tell them of the Father.

The third question, Shall we  
teach our distinctive principles, or merely



a knowledge of the scriptures was shown by John W. D. who said a thorough knowledge of the scriptures should be known, and principles should be taught, as it is hard for the deniers, as well as our own members, to know and learn what the words of scripture are.

It was suggested that the principles of Peace should be illustrated as Christ was the Prince of Peace; Also Capital Punishment, each point of which should be peacefully brought out as the best means of instruction.

The last question under discussion.

Is it advisable to claim the first attention of the infant class in all the transactions of the school? It was thought not possible to claim their fixed attention. James B. should refer to a school of fifty years ago where the attention of small children was fixed and claimed, and he would wish no child to be instructed that way. As long as children can be interested, it will be profitable, and an order to do this they should be away from older ones, with a competent teacher to teach them. Children should be of visiting a School of mother's instruction, where the small

Children were brought by object lessons.  
At that time white and discolored  
stones being used, to illustrate pure  
and impure and sin. The white stone  
showing how pure and clean the heart  
must be for Christ to abide in, and the  
discolored stone showing the effect of sin.

The following were appointed a committee  
to arrange for the next Conference;

Samuel A. Ayer	Hattie B. Adrich
Art C. Munroe	John Metcalf
Oscar Mosse.	

The Conference then adjourned to meet  
in the church on 11th Mo. the evening  
before Quarterly Meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.  
Hattie B. Adrich Secy.



Woonsocket - 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1882.

The Sabbath School Conference met according to appointment, in the afternoon of the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. and closed in the evening. The report of the Bolton Conference was now read and accepted.

The time during which the annual conference was held, it was felt that the same should be continued another year, and it was decided to act as Vice President, Jesse B. Wheeler was appointed in his place. The following year are President - Oscar Wheeler - Vice President - Jesse B. Wheeler - Secretary - Arthur C. Wheeler - Treasurer - Oscar Wheeler.

Interesting reports were read from all the schools save Mansfield - from which nothing was heard. Woonsocket reports an increase of ten, in average attendance since last conference, and a marked improvement in the efforts of the teachers are being made and prospered.

The following table shows the present condition of the schools from which

reports were received.

	No. Enrolled	Amount
Windsorchester	22	53
Windsor	14	9
Windsor Bridge	25	25
Barrishville	10	1
Windsor		25
Bolton	46	33 1/3

The names of delegates enrolled in  
 Windsor - Windsorchester - Miss Brewster  
 Herbert Adrich - Windsor - Windsor  
 Windsor - Windsor - Windsor - Windsor  
 Saloma C. Wheeler - Windsor - Windsor  
 Free Love Tassie - Windsor - Windsor - Windsor  
 A. Inman - Windsor - Windsor - Windsor  
 Windsor - Windsor - Windsor - Windsor  
 Bolton - Paul A. Randall - Windsor  
 Randall Jesse B. Windsor - Windsor  
 E. Wheeler - Windsor - Windsor - Windsor

As there was much discussion in  
 the assembly of delegates sent from  
 the several schools, the inquiry was  
 made - How many should be sent?  
 The Conference advised that three be





Barrillville - Avis Shure, Melissa  
Clark. Northbridge - Abigail  
Wheeler, Saloma C. Wheeler.

Hydridge - Minerva Garrison  
Lynn - H. Aldrich. Woonsocket - H. E.  
C. Monroe, George Tarney.

Mansfield - Alfred Briggs, Lidora  
Briggs.

An interesting paper prepared and  
read by Sarah Marble upon  
"The Importance of the Bible to the  
Church and the Community."  
A general session.

Important - to study the Bible that  
we may be able to understand it.

The scriptures are our only guide  
and those of Christ. The world is the  
arena - the Bible the book of  
directions. And we have no excuse  
for not knowing the contents of it.

Prayer spoken upon this subject.

The scriptures are a guide but we  
must be guided by the written word.

We may trust with our guide

book to study the scriptures

we must be Bible students in order  
to lead others out. The scholars will

be like the teacher. It is our duty as Christians to be thoroughly furnished. Be able to go to our class without anything in our hand but the Bible. When we are tempted we can read a passage from the Bible and be able to say "It is written". We must expect to be questioned in our home in the evening for Bible reading and study.

Elizabeth T. Larkin then spoke on Temperance. She said there was no phase of Temperance so good as educated Temperance.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the children are not instructed in school and are in the streets familiar with vice and coming to the saloons in pairs. Special inducements are used to draw them in where they can be treated to beer or wine. There is not a way to stop this great evil and that is total abstinence. But, we must be educated and our education should begin at home. Our homes should be clean. Cider should be banished from our table. Temperance should be taught as a Bible principle. It should be taught



at home - also a thorough  
systematic training with  
fluency showing the effects of  
sound use of system should  
be taught in our day school.  
It is much easier to instil language  
principles into the minds of children  
than to secure them after they have  
addicted to the use of interesting  
signpost.

The following were appointed a  
Committee to arrange for the next  
Conference; Judge H. H. H.,  
Judge J. H. H., H. H. H.,  
and J. H. H.:-

The Conference then adjourned, to  
meet in Worcester in 2nd month  
the coming year - meeting  
at 11 o'clock.

James H. H. Secretary

Worcester 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1852.

The Sabbath School Conference and meeting  
 & adjournment. The conference opened by  
 the singing of the Hymns, & then to tell the  
 Story after which the 4<sup>th</sup> Psalm was read,  
 followed by Prayer from Abel C. Benson  
 and John B. Daniels.

The report of Worcester School Conference was  
 read and accepted.

Interesting reports were read from the  
 Bible Schools of Housack, Northbridge,  
 Northbridge, Worcester and Uxbridge.  
 A verbal report from Marlborough, but no  
 account from Mansfield.

Housack reports an increased interest  
 in the Bible School, although the atten-  
 dance has been less than during the  
 previous quarter on account of storm  
 and bad walking.

Worcester also reports an increase in  
 attendance, and that they have cause  
 for thankfulness that their efforts are  
 being blessed.

The following table shows the present  
 condition of the schools from which reports  
 were received.

	No. Enrolled.	Average Attendance
Barnstable	60	48
Northbridge	12	9
Northbridge		15
Worcester		26
Bolton	42	30 $\frac{9}{13}$

The names of Delegates were called as follows; Barnstable - Bertha H. Young, Emma C. Morse. Northbridge - George M. Pitts, Leander S. Aldrich.

Northbridge - Charles Fowler, Susan Fowler. Worcester - John H. Atwater, Frank Bell, Henry Wright, Sarah J. Smith, Adeline A. H. Daniels.

Bolton - Lillie B. Wheeler, Jessie B. Wheeler, David B. Wheeler, Lucius W. Wheeler and were present except one.

The Chairman of Visiting Committee report that no schools have been visited during the Quarter.

The Treasurer reports no money received during the Quarter.

It was decided that each Superintendent should read the Constitution in their school.

The following questions were then brought up for discussion. First - Is it consistent -



to her book in our school library that tend to encourage the war spirit and fighting amongst boys; which was briefly answered with an emphatic No.

Second; What efforts (if any) should be made to induce connected and interested scholars to become members of the Society of Friends. The question was opened by Joseph Noble, who thought that special inducements should be made to bring them in. One recommendation is adopted to make us Christians. What the Friends said, In first place we should seek the Lord in prayer, then visit the young, encourage them to lead holy lives, showing them there is something desirable in our Society and the benefits of becoming a member. Sisters then spoke upon the question showing that we who have the advantages of conversion, should endeavor to show to the school that love one to another which Christ commands.

We seldom hear a doctrinal sermon. People will ask, What is the belief of Friends. Our principles are taught by the Bible, and they should be taught more in the school. It is said the

Some do not believe in baptism,  
others believe in the baptism  
of the Holy Ghost and with power.  
After conversion we should find a  
home in some Church. We should  
carry it to the Lord in prayer, asking  
his counsel where our home should  
be. We are more deficient in knowing  
the principles of Friends, than other  
societies are in knowing their own  
doctrine. We do not make sufficient  
effort to draw in members and scholars.  
We should not be ashamed of our principles  
but should talk of them. First - we  
should teach them our religion is one  
of Love, we have love one to another.  
Let us show to the world we are  
brothers, that we love each other as  
Christ loved us. We have known  
that many have been converted under  
our teaching - they have come to our  
meeting, and yet not join us, but have  
found a home with other churches.  
Those who are the fathers in the Church  
should feel it a duty to extend the right-  
hand of fellowship and should invite  
them to come in.

Definite steps should be taken to bring in  
 those who are not numbered to bring by  
 invite such ones, let them know there is  
 a cordial welcome awaiting them.  
 Invite and show to all converted ones, we  
 desire their union with us.  
 By being directed by the Holy Spirit we  
 may act rightly in this matter.  
 Then followed readings by Frank Bell  
 and Samuel Arnold.

The following were appointed a committee  
 to arrange for the next conference - viz  
 Abigail Wheeler, Charles Carter, Emma  
 C. Wheeler, Eliza Gardner, Daniel A  
 Wheeler.

The conference then adjourned to meet  
 in Northridge on Oct. 1st the evening  
 before quarterly meeting at 7 o'clock.

Darius H. Wheeler Sec.



Northbridge 24th Nov, 1895.

The 24th Nov. Conference met  
at 10 o'clock for adjournment.

The Conference was opened with the  
reading of 1st Psalm by Isaac the  
President, followed by prayer from  
Mr. J. W. Smith.

A report of the Committee on  
the part of the Conference was  
then read and accepted.

Interesting reports were read from the  
Bible classes of Mansfield, Northbridge,  
Southbridge, Worcester, Pittsford and  
Northville. A special report from Northville  
the following: "We share the present  
condition of the different churches."

No. enrolled      income this year

Church	No. enrolled	income this year
Northbridge	10	100
Southbridge	15	150
Worcester	20	200
Pittsford	25	250
Northville	30	300
Mansfield	35	350

The names of the delegates were called as follows:  
Northbridge - George H. Stone, and E.  
Southbridge - John W. Smith and P. Smith  
Worcester - J. W. Smith  
Pittsford - J. W. Smith  
Northville - J. W. Smith  
Mansfield - J. W. Smith

... Jesse M. Wheeler, Harwood L. Wheeler, ...  
and ...

... school.

The 7th Article of the Constitution being  
under consideration, the whole matter was  
referred to a committee of three, composed  
of ... Jesse M. Wheeler, ... and  
... who were instructed to  
report at the Annual Meeting.

... they will be ...







The parent's first duty is the care  
of their children. If the parent  
neglect their home duties, in leading  
them to the choir and the child  
go to the school. But as it is  
it does not see the home duty  
of duty.

There is a deficiency in preparing the  
children before going to school.

It is thought that the  
set home to attend to it.  
The school should be stimulated to  
greater exertion.

The following were appointed a committee  
to arrange for the next conference viz -  
Jesse H. Spencer, Thomas H. Wheeler,  
and J. H. H. and Thomas H. H.  
The conference then adjourned to meet  
at the same place on the next  
Monday.

Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 853.

The Sabbath School Conference met according to adjournment.

The Conference was opened with reading the tenth chapter of Hebrews by Oscar Morse. President followed by prayer from John G. Daniels.

The report of the Northbridge Conference was then read and accepted.

Interesting reports were read from the Bible Schools of Wamsucket, Northbridge, Worcester, Bolton, Burrillville, and Mansfield. A verbal report from Northbridge.

The following table shows the present condition of the different schools.

As enrolled. Average attendance.

Wamsucket	86	62
Northbridge	12	7
Worcester	35	27
Bolton	45	31½
Mansfield	25	10

The names of Delegates were called as follows — Wamsucket: Sylvester Aldrich, George A. Varney, Jennie Allyn.



Sarah Hubble. Northbridge Minerva  
Harrison Jonathan H. Southwick.  
Warrenton John Metcalf Jerome  
Wheeler Sarah Shaw Emma C. Sigt  
Bolton Addie C. Wheeler Alice L.  
Wheeler David R. Wheeler Nathan  
Roberts. Bassillville Melissa  
Clark Smith Steere.  
Northbridge Daniel Wheeler Laura  
Wheeler who were present except  
Sig.

A select reading by Paul S. Randall  
upon 'The use of the Bible' was then  
listened to.

The Chairman of the Visiting Committee  
reported that four schools have been  
visited this quarter, Wmssocket, Bassillville  
Northbridge and Bolton. There seemed to be  
a lack of interest in Bassillville and Northbridge  
schools but there are earnest workers - working  
under difficulties and they are encouraged  
to press on in the work.

An original poem was read by Abby  
Randall.

The following questions were then brought  
up for discussion. Question first. Are  
we sufficiently careful in our teachings

and do we adhere closely enough to the guidance of the Holy Spirit instead of the forms and customs of other times? was opened by Paul & Barnabas who feared that friends do not look enough to the morning Guide. Ancient friends were guided by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Truth is to guide us. He will follow us only as we see that he follows Christ. Others then spoke upon the question saying we were not careful enough in our teachings we do not take the care to apply the spiritual application. Teachers should not miss the opportunity to bring a soul into the kingdom. We do adhere too closely to customs. Many forms are hindering the cause of Christ. Younger members are led different from older ones but they are led by Christ. We ought to see the hand of the Lord in it and not condemn them. Let us see what the Lord does lead and look with a kindly eye on the different ways. It was thought best to teach small children the plain and simple way of salvation. The Sabbath School is not so much for

historical facts. It is most important  
to keep the simple way of salvation  
with a fear of entering on the matters  
of doctrine. We must follow the  
Spirit and be given up to him.

Until we individually get out into  
the liberty of the Spirit we shall not  
progress.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> How shall we teach  
the children in the Bible Schools so  
they will remain interested workers  
after they become of age? was opened  
by George Turner who said our object  
in teaching children is for the  
salvation of souls and this comes  
through Christ. we must first  
get them interested. must teach  
by the light and power of the Holy Spirit  
the children look to us to know the  
way and we must not be blind guides  
We must teach by experience. To  
teach the Bible we must believe it  
ourselves. we must have the testimony  
in our hearts which is promised to  
every one who will come into the  
right place to receive it. We should  
teach more by example than by



precept. They want to know from our  
lives that we believe it to be true.

One of the surest ways of keeping the  
children is to give them work to do.

Give them to understand that the great-  
object is the salvation of their souls.

Teachers should watch over them - give  
them to understand they must go to  
the Saviour for counsel as well as  
ourselves.

The following were appointed a committee  
to arrange for the next Conference, viz.  
James S. Read Herbert C. Aldrich Sarah  
Osborne Sarah Marble.

The Conference then adjourned to meet  
in Haverhill in eleven months  
the evening before Tuesday morning  
at seven o'clock.

Darcas H. Wheeler Secy.

November 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1885.

The Bible School Conference met -  
according to adjournment.

The Conference was opened with reading  
the spiritual Psalm by Isaac Ward  
President - followed by prayer by Charles  
Jones of Ware N. H.

The report of the Bible Conference  
was then read and accepted.

The Chairman of the visiting committee  
report that owing to different causes  
not all the schools have been visited  
during this quarter.

The Treasurer made a detailed report  
of the amount of money received  
from each school which was rightly  
amended and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred  
the 10<sup>th</sup> article of the Constitution with  
full power to act, reported the constitution  
in a new draft which was adopted and  
the Secretary was instructed to send  
copies of it to the several schools.

The time having expired for which the  
Officers were elected the following were  
chosen for the ensuing year.

President - John Metcalf. Vice President -  
 Jesse B. Wheeler. Treasurer - Walter Colburn.  
 Secretary - David H. Wheeler.

The following were appointed a visiting  
 committee for the coming year: Worcester -  
 Walter Colburn, David H. Wheeler.

Northbridge - Minnie Thompson, Sarah L.  
 Adrich. Northbridge - Abigail Wheeler  
 - Emma F. Wheeler. Chatham - John Phelps  
 John Metcalf. Bolton - Jesse B. Wheeler  
 Paul A. Randall. Burrillville - Melvin  
 Clark, Belle White. Mansfield - Alfred  
 Briggs Lidora Briggs.

Interesting reports were sent from the  
 Bible school at Mansfield. Northbridge  
 Northbridge Worcester Bolton and  
 Burrillville.

The following table shows the present  
 condition of the several schools.

	No. enrolled	Avr. Standard
Worcester	98	67
Northbridge	16	9
Northbridge		12
Worcester	36	28
Bolton	51	51
Burrillville	12	



The names of Delegates were called as follows - Frederick - Lois A. Smith  
William H. Reed, Herbert C. Smith  
Grace A. Henry, Hannah S. Henry,  
Elizabeth - Minerva Harmon, Leander  
H. Smith, Southbridge - Elizabeth Wheeler  
Elizabeth A. Wheeler, Worcester - Henry  
Smith, John Peterse, Ellen Phelps, Lydia  
A. Phelps, Boston - Samuel Wheeler  
Thomas A. Wheeler, Eddie Babcock, Lucy  
Wheeler, Susan C. Wheeler, Danville -  
Isaac Sture, Rebecca A. Inman, who  
were present except 4.

A lecture upon Palestine was given  
by Augustine Jones of Providence  
and was listened to with much  
interest.

The following were appointed a committee  
to arrange for the next conference viz. John  
Peterse, Susan Wheeler, Ellen Phelps, Leah  
Smith.

The conference then adjourned to meet in  
Boston in 2d March the evening before  
last, Meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.

James H. Wheeler, Secretary.

Worcester 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1854

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment.

The Conference was opened with reading the third chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, by John H. Briggs, President, followed by prayer by the same gentleman.

The report of the Worcester Conference was then read and accepted.

Interesting reports were read from the Bible Schools of Mansfield, Northbridge, Southbridge, Bolton, and Danvers. The following table shows the present condition of the several schools.

	No. Enrolled	No. Attendance
Worcester	85	62
Northbridge	15	10
Southbridge	18	12
Worcester	38	26
Bolton	53	38
Mansfield	20	10

The names of delegates were called as follows: Worcester, Geo. A. Briggs, James Briggs, David Briggs, John Briggs, William Briggs, Southbridge, Charles Briggs, Bolton, John A. Briggs, Danvers, John Briggs, Mary Briggs, John Briggs.

Hetcalfe, Annie Earle, Emma Swift-  
Barton, David B. Wheeler, Susan G.  
Wheeler, Thomas A. Wheeler, Susan M.  
Wheeler, who were present except 4.

The Chairman of the Visiting Committee  
reports that all the schools have not been  
visited this quarter.

The subject of the schools comprising  
this Society's Conference, regarding  
the responsibility of education, are put  
at the vision of the Visiting School  
was brought before the conference, but all  
the schools are being visited, and if not,  
it was said we would visit the conference.

The following question was then brought  
up for discussion, viz: "How shall we  
best promote the home and foreign  
Mission work?"

We should work in our own vicinity,  
interest the children, and while doing  
them good we shall reach the parents  
through the children. We shall find  
in our own streets these are children  
who attend no Sabbath School, - they  
should be visited and fed and brought-



into the school. We should do more than we are doing in our own Quarterly Meeting - Form Mission Schools - we should do all that we can - seek opportunities - look to it and see what lieth in our way.

When we begin to feel an interest in home missions we shall feel a deeper interest in foreign mission work.

Sometimes Little said we should always have a definite aim in view. The Lord calls us to work in mission work. When we are faithful in one the Lord calls us to another. The Indian mission is one of the hardest fields to labor in, yet hundreds and hundreds are converted, that knew but little or nothing of the Bible.

The following were appointed a committee to arrange for the next Conference - Daniel B. Wheeler, Daniel Wheeler, Samuel Wheeler, Charles Wheeler, George A. Gardener.

The Conference then adjourned to meet in Irish Ridge in 1844 the evening before Quarterly Meeting at Yaclock.

Daniel B. Wheeler Sec.

Northbridge 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1884.

The Bible School Conference met according  
to adjournment.

The Conference was opened with reading  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Ecclesiastes by John  
Metcalf, President, followed by Prayer  
by Lydia Bright.

Report of the Conference held in  
Norchester was then read and accepted.  
Interesting reports were read from the  
Bible schools of Norwiche, Northbridge,  
Norchester, Bolton and Burrillville.  
A verbal report from Northbridge.

The following table shows the present  
condition of the several schools.

Enrolled		Nov. 1883
Norwiche	88	65
Northbridge	19	15
Norchester	36	27
Bolton	48	33

The names of Delegates were called as  
follows: Norwiche, Richard Gentry,  
Charles Wood, Anna Parker, Anna  
Wood,

Wethbridge, - Leander S. Aldrich, Minerva  
Farm,.

Worcester, - Arthur Swift, Eben Phelps,  
Lelia Child.

Bolton, - Dorcas H. Wheeler Jesse B. Wheeler  
Nathan Babcock.

Burrillville, - Isaac Steere and Smith  
B. Steere, - [unclear] present not with.

The subject, of the schools comprising  
this Quarterly Conference, assuming  
the responsibility of conducting one school  
at the Syrian Mission Training School,  
and as the thought before the Conference  
and at the different schools had varied  
nearly enough for this purpose it was  
voted that the deficit should be filled  
from the Conference Treasury and the  
amount forwarded to the Mission.

The following questions were then  
brought-forward for discussion.  
Question 1<sup>st</sup>

What is the best method  
of conducting a review?

The almost unanimous testimony from  
the several schools was that a review



could best be conducted by assigning  
the quarters lessons, to as many  
scholars who are expected to present  
the Truths of the lesson in a  
condensed form.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup>

What rewards are  
suitable to offer your pupils?  
When rewards are given, text-cards  
were preferable, that they might be  
prized more for the truths presented  
than the value of the cards.

Question 3<sup>d</sup> Should the Institute  
be taken in the class in school?  
When by teachers or scholars?  
It should be used but not to  
confine oneself to its use.

The following were appointed  
a committee to arrange for  
the next Conference. Jesse  
B. Butler, and Randall, White  
School, Alice A. Wheeler.

The Conference then adjourned  
to meet in Bolton in eight

went to evening. There were  
meeting at half past seven. which.

Darcas H. Wheeler Sec.

Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 13<sup>th</sup> 1884.

The Little School Conference met-  
according to adjournment.

The Conference was opened with singing  
the hymn number 100 by Mrs.  
Metcalf, President, followed by  
prayers by Francis Inpton and D.  
Thomas.

The report of the Conference held in  
Northbridge was then read and accepted.  
Following reports were read from  
Wareham, Northbridge, Weymouth,  
Bolton and Smithville. School reports  
were also read from Wareham and  
Northbridge.

The following table shows the present-  
condition of the several schools.

	No. Enrolled	No. Atten.
Wareham	94	63
Northbridge	31	19
Weymouth	58	37
Bolton	33	38
Smithville	12	

The names of delegates were called as follows:  
Wareham - John F. Morse, Arthur F.  
Morse, Richard Loring, and Mary L. Loring.



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This Bible School in its Consti-  
tution requires Smithfield  
Quarterly Meeting of Friends to receive  
or support the Bible School or Bible  
School work.

$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$

What means shall be taken by  
the members of the Bible School & in  
supporting a child at the Mission  
School at Mt Lebanon.

to the older and the younger members

of the school should be interested in  
the Mission and in Mission work  
that they may be willing to contribute  
for the support of one or more children  
at the Mission School.

The Chairman of visiting Committee  
reported that all the schools have not been  
visited.

May Thomas spoke of the need of the  
Church that all children should be  
remembered - should not get the good  
too high for them. It should be simple  
to convert one children. The best work  
should be given to the Lord.

Finally she became early in the week  
and in order to convert the children  
bring up it.

Dr. Thomas said we should keep our  
own experience bright and to study  
for the purpose of teaching but to know  
it for our own benefit - get the lessons  
for ourselves first. The good of the  
teaching of the Holy Spirit for teaching  
in the school.

The following were appointed a committee  
to arrange for the next Conference,  
George A. Butler, Sarah W. Parker, Lyman  
Atchick and George H. Barney.

The Conference then adjourned to  
meet in Thompson's hall on the 11th of March  
the evening before last Sunday at  
seven o'clock.

Yours to the cause, Geo. A. Butler.



November 11-12-1887.

The Bible School Conference met according  
to arrangement.

The Conference was opened with reading the  
6th chapter of Luke by John Mitchell Assistant  
School with prayer by Rev. C. Conhall.  
The report of the Conference held in Bolton  
was then read and accepted.

Interesting reports were then read from  
Hornsworth, Northbridge, Southbridge, Worcester  
Amherst and a verbal report from Bolton.  
The following table shows the present  
condition of the several schools.

	No. Enrolled.	Aver. Attendance
Hornsworth	101	74
Northbridge	12	9
Southbridge	14	10
Worcester	31	25
Bolton	55	37 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>

The names of the delegates were called as  
follows.

Hornsworth: James Brewster, Emma  
Brown, John Paul, William Smith,  
James Parkin, Evelyn Mowry,  
Northbridge: Calista C. Wheeler.

Worcester - John Metcalf, Mary B. Goodwin,  
Samuel Smith, William Metcalf.  
Bolton - Samuel Wheeler, Jesse B. Wheeler,  
Abby H. Randall, Dorcas H. Wheeler.  
Dorchester - [illegible] and [illegible].  
[illegible] were present except two.

A committee consisting of James A. Read,  
Anis Steere, Abigail Wheeler and Joseph H.  
Marble were appointed to prepare a print-  
ed list of questions arising in their opinion  
at the yearly meeting to be sent  
to each school and answered quarterly to  
the Conference.

This being the annual meeting of the  
Conference the present body of Officers  
was selected for one year viz.  
President - John Metcalf, John Wheeler,  
Jesse B. Wheeler, Treasurer - William Metcalf,  
Secretary - Dorcas H. Wheeler.

The following were appointed a visiting  
Committee for the coming year viz.  
Wrensocket - Esther Osborn, Jennie  
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].  
Northbridge - Abigail Wheeler, William B. Wheeler,  
Dorchester - John Metcalf, Jesse B. Wheeler.  
Bolton - Jesse B. Wheeler, Abby H. Randall,  
Dorchester - William Metcalf, Della White.

...of \$14,450 on hand.

An Address upon Peace was delivered by Benjamin F. Sumner. After reading a portion of Scripture from Isaiah he said if we could all live in the light of the Sun we should be a happy world. There are many ways that the people suffer, because they do not work. If we go back to the first century we find that the law was thought it impossible to grow without severe penalties.

Over 200 years ago in the statute book there were 240 crimes punishable with death and now there are but 2.

Nations that engage in war their debts increase and the products of agriculture decrease continually. The prosperity of our country depends on the small amount of war that we have had.

At this time an effort is being made that all national difficulties should be settled without bloodshed, and we wish to hasten the time when this shall be accomplished.



The following were appointed a committee  
to arrange for the next Conference.  
John M. Stodge, Henry R. Swift, Mattie L.  
Metcalf and Lizzie Clark.

The Conference then adjourned to meet  
in October in 2nd Mo. the morning  
before Quarterly Meeting at 11 1/2 o'clock.

Dorcas H. Wheeler Sec.

Worcester 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 11<sup>th</sup> 1885:

The Balliol School Conference met according  
to adjournment:

The Conference was opened with singing &  
Prayer by Miss B. Wheeler. The President followed  
with prayer by Charlotte Williams. The hymn  
"Land of the Living" was then sung.

The report of the Conference held in Worcester  
was read and approved.

Interesting reports were read from Worcester  
Northbridge Northbridge Worcester Bolton and  
Worcester. A report from Charlotte  
Williams was also published. Every one with  
some friends having arrived.

The following table shows the condition of  
the several schools.

	No. Enrolled	Over. Atten.
Worcester	104	71
Northbridge	14	11
Worcester	32	28 $\frac{2}{3}$
Bolton	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

The names of the delegates were called as  
follows:

Worcester - Florence Ballou, Mary Foster,  
Sarah Marble, Herbert C. Aldrich,  
George F. Varney, Richard Ballou.

Northbridge - Charles Fowler, Saloma C. Wheeler.  
Haverster. - Henry D. Swift, Calvin Rockwood  
Wm. C. Anderson, Sarah A. Swift,  
Susan C. Wheeler, Isaac C. Wheeler,  
Amos M. Wheeler, William C. Wheeler  
Susan E. Wheeler

who were present at the first year.

The year after the next appointed a  
Committee to prepare a list of questions  
to be presented to the Conference by the women  
not being ready to report were mentioned another  
year later. I was voted that the Treasurer  
be authorized to pay the expense of printing  
said questions.

The following questions were brought forward for  
discussion.

Question 1st.

Is Church membership  
limited to promote the growth and best  
interests of the Society of Friends.

Opened by Samuel Arnold. In considering  
this question we must look at it in its bearings  
upon the Church and upon the individual.

It may be different from our fathers time.

They were persecuted and there was less tendency  
for any one who was not earnest Christians to be in



the Society. At the present it is an honor, and it may be an evil.

Richard Batley thought it not a proper question for the Conference.

Edward Briggs thought best to retain birth-right members. The children who attend our schools (who are not members) will become interested in it and ask for membership.

John A. Wharton said it was a great privilege to be a birth-right member. The Church should do more to assist the children and care for them. It is offering to the Church. And there is a danger we have seen those that settled down and thought that through being a member they inherited the Church in Heaven, which inheritance can only come through a change of heart.

Resolution 2nd

Is it advisable to hold teachers meetings when we have but three or four classes in our Bible School? If so how best to conduct them. It was better to hold teachers meetings and seek Divine aid in understanding the lessons. Each one to bring their fund of knowledge, then each

would be better prepared to go to their class and  
 the lesson. Even three or four teachers would  
 receive a benefit from an interchange of views  
 upon the lessons. It were better to hold as  
 many teachers meetings as possible.  
 The teachers should treat one thing whether  
 spiritual or literal application.

The following were appointed a committee  
 to arrange for the next conference. - Salmon  
 C. Wheeler, George L. G. Smith, Charles H. Smith,  
 and David Wheeler.

The conference then adjourned to meet  
 in Northbridge in 5<sup>th</sup> Mo. The evening  
 before another meeting at same place.

Wm. R. Wheeler, Secy.

Northbridge 5th Mo. 13. 1865;

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment.

The Conference was opened by reading a chapter from the Bible by James B. Thacher, Vice President, followed by prayer by Annie M. Ray.

The report of the Conference held in Worcester was read and approved.

Interesting reports were read from Monrochet, Northbridge, Worcester and Bolton. Verbal reports from Northbridge and Burrillville with nothing from Mansfield.

The following table shows the condition of the several schools.

	No enrolled	Average Attendance
Monrochet	45	37
Northbridge	13	8
Northbridge	14	11
Worcester	33	25 $\frac{8}{13}$
Bolton	58	37
Burrillville	8	6

The names of the Delegates were called as follows. Monrochet - Herbert O.



Which, Ben Chapman, Mary Batley, and Lavinia  
Worse.

Worcester— Sarah Shaw, Calvin B. Rockwood,  
Henry L. Swift, Daniel C. Phelps, and Sarah J.  
Swift.

Boston— Dorcas C. Wheeler, Samuel Wheeler,  
and Jesse C. Wheeler who are present except  
four.

The report of the committee on Statistical  
Cards was read and accepted.

In addition to the written reports the  
statistical cards state that each school has  
a library. That the interest in each school  
is increasing. That each school uses the  
Friends quarterly and that all except Highitz,  
distribute one or more papers published by  
Friends. Only one school reports any  
Teachers Meetings.

An interesting essay was read by Hannah  
Which.

The following question was then brought  
forward for discussion. Best Method  
to interest our Bible School classes.

Richard Batley said example and precept  
would do much towards interesting them;  
precept is necessary, but when a scholar  
sees the example in the life of the teacher

It makes it doubly influential.  
Anna Ray said it was important  
that the teachers be conversant with  
the Lord, interested themselves  
be ready with illustrations but the great  
point is to lead the scholars to Christ.  
The school is one of the greatest agencies  
in our Church, so we must make  
it attractive to them.

Anna Wheeler said all children, no  
matter how selfish or naughty, appreciate  
love - one of the grand things is to show  
our love for them and that we are seeking  
to bring them to the Saviour. Wherever  
we meet them show them that we have  
a special interest in and a love for  
them. Anna Ray said, a teacher  
must always be in her place and if  
not there, provide a substitute.

The scholars should learn their lessons  
perfectly and should look out all the  
points and be free to speak upon the  
lesson - those schools whose scholars  
learn their lessons best are the best  
interested. The teachers should be  
thoroughly converted and bring their  
scholars before the Lord in prayer morning

and night.

Two schools, Lybridge and Buckthorpe, express their need of a connected neighborhood to give an increase to their schools.

Amiel C. Phelps, a committee appointed to ascertain how much money had been raised by the several schools for the support of a scholar at the Lyrian Mission reported more than enough for the expenses for the coming year and the balance was ordered to be held in the Treasurers hands towards another years expense.

The following were appointed a committee to arrange for the next Conference:  
 James W. Wheeler, Abby C. Randall, Henry Babcock, Dorcas H. Wheeler, Paul A. Randall.

The Conference then adjourned to meet in Bolton in Oct. Mo. the morning before Quarterly Meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Dorcas H. Wheeler. Sec.



Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 12<sup>th</sup>, 885.

The Bible School Conference met-  
according to adjournment.

The Conference was opened by reading  
the word, singing of hymns by prose  
and verse, then a benediction, followed  
by prayer by Lydia Haight.

A report of the Conference held in  
Northbridge was read and accepted.

Interesting reports were read from  
Dorchester, Northbridge, Foxcroft and

Bolton. The last reports from Northbridge  
+ Burrillville.

The statistical cards had been received  
from each of the schools and were read  
to the Conference.

What I thought was a good expression  
in the reports - "That the interest  
in Bible Study was increasing - thought  
it was more difficult to find time for  
the smaller classes than for the older ones.

The following table shows the  
condition of the several schools.

	No. Enrolled	No. Attending
Dorchester	101	67
Northbridge	7	7
Northbridge	20	12.8

Warcester	38	22 $\frac{3}{8}$
Bolton	39	38
Burrillville	10	8
Mansfield	20	15

The names of delegates were called as follows.  
 Townsend - Michael Butler, Henry Hutton,  
 Daniel C. Smith, & John C. Hays.  
 North Scituate - Daniel Wheeler, & John C. Wheeler.  
 Warcester - Calvin Rockwood, Ann M.  
 Rockwood and Sarah Shaw.  
 Bolton - Edward Smith, Henry Rockwood,  
 Porter Telt, Rosina Wheeler, and  
 Harriah D. Wheeler. who were all  
 present - except - Ford.

The following questions were then brought  
 forward for consideration. Should the first  
 and last subjects of Sabbath School be  
 directed to interesting the classes or more  
 especially to the conversion of the individual  
 pupils?

Rebecca Wheeler said the first thing we  
 do interest the scholars but our greatest  
 satisfied until the children are brought  
 to Christ. So true earnest teacher will  
 stop short if the conversion of the children

Every day, but in fact the whole  
day, being in the school, the prayer  
will be assisted.

Richard Dutton said the children  
imperfectly instructed. A teacher may  
hold out to them what is in one  
hand and the Bible in the other.

The teacher should make them feel  
that he was seeking their welfare  
and when he has gained their affections  
then he can teach them the Bible truths.  
John Knight said the teacher cannot  
be successful until the affections of the  
children are gained - the great aim  
should be to bring the children to Jesus.  
Samuel Wheeler said the teacher should  
endeavor to gain the love of the children  
by precept and example.

"The Hymn 'Wonderful words  
of Life'" was then sung.

Question 2<sup>d</sup>. What influence will a  
properly conducted Bible school have  
upon a Community?

Richard Dutton said the children should  
be introduced into the Bible school and  
instructed instead of wandering around.



inspiring views. (She then spoke upon  
this question showing that a Bible Society  
does have a good effect an influence for  
good upon a community.

The following were appointed a committee  
to arrange for the next Conference.

James C. Reed, Misses R. Cranton, Mary  
Batter, Dorcas E. Morse, Esther Sabine and  
Marshall C. Smith.

The Conference then adjourned  
until our friends met in 18th Dec. the morning  
before Society Meeting at 12 o'clock.

Dorcas H. Wheeler. Sec.

Monrovia - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1883.

Substantive deposits were sent from each of the  
--houses except Maryland, where nothing  
was heard received,

Andover	63	41 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>
Barnstable	6	6

The names of the delegates were called as follows.  
Barnstable - Benjamin Hall, William Thayer,  
                  Joseph L. Reed, Herbert A. Smith.  
Andover - Hannah A. Smith, Edward C. Smith,  
                  J. Russell - Smith, Sarah Thayer,  
                  Mary R. Cutler, Samuel Smith.  
Andover - Joseph Thayer, Abby W. Randall,  
                  Paul Randall, Mary J. Randall,  
                  Darcus H. Wheeler.

Barnstable - Isaac Smith, and B. A. Smith,  
who were present except three.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay any bills  
contracted in expence for the Conference.

After singing a hymn, a tract was  
given by Joseph Thayer in the Bible  
and the history of it.

Devotional time in a devotional address  
from Caroline Abbott. After which a prayer  
by Caroline Abbott.

The following were appointed a committee  
to arrange for the next Conference.

J. R. Smith, Joseph H. White, Sarah J. Smith  
and Maria Cook.

The Conference then adjourned to meet in



Received of J<sup>r</sup> Wm. H. Loring  
the sum of \$100.00  
Dated 10. 11. 1866.

C. Harces or 7 m<sup>d</sup> Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>/86.

Boston - Old South Church, & Miss. Union  
Building.

Larsen, H. Thuler, who were,  
present about five.

Charlotte Holmes spoke on the  
study of the Bible and the interest  
in Bible schools.

A very interesting and instructive

lesson "Bible Lesson Teaching" was given by Wm.  
C. Codd.

Brought up for discussion.

How can we conduct our Bible schools  
so that the spiritual, as well as the  
historical lesson may be brought  
out & understood?

profess to be religious?

It was advised that each teacher  
should seek prayerfully to discover  
what in the Bible can be applied to each  
scholar. To avoid any discussion upon  
points that were not well settled.

To arrange for the next conference -  
at the Old South Church, Boston.

Very truly,

The undersigned do hereby certify that  
in testimony whereof we have hereunto set  
our hands and seals at Washington, D.C.

Charles H. Schuler



Northbridge 5th Mo 12th 1856

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment. The President, Vice-President and Secretary not being present, Susan Ann Gifford was appointed to serve as President for the evening and Sarah Marble as Secretary.

The Conference was opened by reading the one hundred and third Psalm, followed by vocal prayer.

The report of the Conference held at Worcester was read and accepted.

The names of the delegates were called as follows.

Worcester. - Maria Aldrich, Sarah Marble  
William Aldrich, Richard Bates.  
Worcester - Calvin B. Rockwood, Ann M. Rockwood  
Arthur H. Swift  
Bolton. - Paul A. Randall, Nathan Babcock  
Dorcas H. Wheeler, Susan E. Wheeler  
Burrillville. - Mary M. Clark, Isaac Steere  
J. M. Steere.

The delegates were present, except three. Reports were read from the schools in Worcester, Bolton and Burrillville; reports from Northbridge and Mansfield were given by members of those schools; no member

of the Uxbridge school was present.

The statistical cards were received from Bolton, Burrillville and Northbridge and were read.

The following table shows the condition of the several schools

	no. enrolled.	over. atten.
Woonsocket	93	60
Uxbridge		
Northbridge	20	14
Worcester	43	27
Bolton	76	46
Mansfield	25	13

The attention of the conference was called to the subject of Temperance, by the President as a member of the Yearly Meetings committee on Temperance.

Robert Gifford Stone presented a mode of teaching little children their Bible lesson. While Sktard said he, "am addressing the conference," but when he it shall be talking to the children. The members of the conference, most of whom were matrons and gray-haired sires were asked to think of themselves as being three, four, five, six or seven years old. The mode was a happy one and the lesson a profitable one; the teacher closed the exercise by reading an appropriate poem.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the

expenses of the last conference held in  
Worcester also those of this conference.

The following persons were appointed  
to arrange for the conference to be  
held at Bolton, Paul Kendall, Samuel  
Wheeler, Adelaide E. Wheeler, Dorcas H. Wheeler.

The conference then adjourned to  
meet at Bolton, 8th. Mo. 11th. 1886.

Sarah Marble,

Sec. Pro. tem.



Bolton, 8th Mo. 11th. 1886.

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment. For the first time since its organization, the Conference has to record that the office of president is made vacant by death. Richard Battey in fitting language having alluded to the sad fact that Jesse B. Wheeler, the President of the Conference had passed from earth, proposed that Samuel Wheeler should act as president for the evening and he was appointed to that office!

The Conference was opened by reading of Scripture which was followed by vocal prayer.

The report of the Conference held at Northbridge was read and approved.

Prasac Steere spoke of his friendship for Jesse B. Wheeler as having existed since they were lads together; he referred to the earnest words of his friend in this house, a year ago. Another member spoke of the esteem in which he was held by the Conference as shown by its having called him to fill its highest office; other words of appreciation were expressed.

Sarah Marble was asked to serve



as secretary for the evening.

The Conference directed that the following record be made, namely,

The Friends Bible School Association of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting feels that in the death of its President, Jesse B. Wheeler, it has lost one of its ablest, most interested and most useful members.

Reports were read from the schools in Woonsocket, Northbridge, Worcester, Bolton and Burrillville. The names of delegates were called as follows.

Woonsocket - Richard Battey, Mary Battey, William Aldrich, Maria Aldrich.

Northbridge - George Bennett, Mary Bennett.

Worcester - Ann M. Rockwood, Calvin B. Rockwood, Lillian Waterhouse.

Bolton - Bertha M. Wheeler, Susie M. Wheeler, E. Porter Felt, Lucy P. Randall, Eddie Babcock.

Burrillville - Isaac Steere, Avis Steere.

With one exception, the delegates were present. The statistical cards were received from Woonsocket, Northbridge, Worcester, Bolton, Burrillville and Mansfield and were read.

The following table shows the condition of the schools.

	Number enrolled	Average attendance
Woonsocket	109	70
Northbridge	26	17
Worcester	not given	not given
Bolton	74	50 $\frac{2}{3}$
Burrillville	7	6
Mansfield	30	14

The conference ~~then~~ listened to a recitation by Anne Varney, a little girl. William Jacob then spoke in a most interesting manner on what he termed "some of the glorious hymns of the cross". After the delivery of this excellent address and the singing by some persons present of the hymn beginning "Just as I am," the following persons were appointed the committee of arrangements for the next conference; Esther Osborne, Desire Aldrich, Sylvester Aldrich and William W. Aldrich.

The conference adjourned to meet in Woonsocket, 11th Mo. 10th 1886.

Sarah Marble, Sec. Pro. tem.

Worcester - 11-10-1886.

The District Conference met according  
to adjournment and was called to order  
by the Vice President - George F. Morse - but  
feeling unable to act as President, Joseph R.  
May Jr. was appointed to serve for the evening.  
The conference was opened by vocal prayer.  
The report of the conference held in Boston  
was read by Sarah Marble and accepted.

It being the annual meeting of the following  
were elected as officers for the coming year,

Walter A. Thayer, President -  
George F. Morse, Vice President,  
Walter A. Thayer, Treasurer,  
Darcas H. Wheeler, Secretary.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.  
There are now in the hands of the Treasurer  
\$2.44 cents.

Reports were read from the schools in  
Worcester - Roxbridge - Worcester and Boston.  
A verbal report of Roxbridge school.

The names of the delegates were called.  
Worcester - Charles F. Fane, Julia Fane,  
Emeline Morse and Lydia W. Morse.  
Roxbridge - Darcas H. Wheeler and S. Meline.  
S. J. Daniels.

Worcester - Charles F. Fane, Julia Fane, &c.



Drift, Lillian C. Bateshouse.

Bolton - Henry C. Babcock, Alfred J. J. J.,  
 Miss A. Wheeler, Paul A. Randall, Mrs. A. Randall.

The delegates were present except Dr.

The statistical cards were received from each  
 of the schools.

The following table shows the condition of  
 the schools.

	No. Enrolled	Aver. Attend.
Woonsocket-	109	64
Nexbridge	8	8
Northbridge	17	14
Warcester	37	18
Bolton	82	52 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>13</sub>
Mansfield	24	16
Burrillville	4	4

The following were appointed a visiting  
 Committee for the coming year; viz:  
 Woonsocket - Esther Larnie, Jesse McEwen.  
 Nexbridge - James A. Larnie, Lander A. Larnie.  
 Northbridge - August Wheeler, Emma Wheeler.  
 Worcester - Eben Wheeler, Emma Wheeler.  
 Bolton - Henry C. Babcock, Paul A. Randall.  
 Burrillville - Miss Clark, Belle White.  
 Mansfield - Alfred Briggs, Lillian Briggs.

An address was given by Susan Thompson.



the arranged Bible school teachers to be diligent in their duties and wait and pray for the results. A teacher should teach each lesson as though he never would have a chance to teach another. Jesse McPherson also spoke greatly to the improvement of the small schools - and that to succeed we must be in desperate earnest.

The following question was then discussed: Is it for the best interests of the class that printed lessons be brought into the class?

One thought as a rule helps and is carried to the class. Some here said that helps sometimes but the Bible out of sight. He once visited a school where there was but one Bible.

Others thought we should thoroughly study the lesson at home and only take the Bible in the class. Jesse McPherson said that only the Holy Spirit can illumine the lesson - the Holy Spirit ~~was~~ the best Bible expositor.

The following persons were appointed to arrange for the next conference to be held

11  
in Worcester - Sarah L. Swift, Joseph P. Miller,  
Levorne Wheeler and Maria Hookwood.

After vocal prayer, the Conference adjourned  
to meet in Worcester 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 9<sup>th</sup> 1887  
at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Dorcas H. Wheeler. Sec.

November 24th 1847.

The Sabbath School Conference was according to  
adjournment and was opened by reading a  
Letter addressed by several prayers.  
The report of the Conference held in Haverhill  
was read and accepted.

Reports were read from the schools in Haverhill;  
Hampden, Westfield, Groverton, and Boston.  
A report was received from Burlington and  
Hampfield.

The members of the school represented  
were called upon for additional items of interest.  
The school at the fall in our great duty  
that of opening the school with vocal prayer,  
It was proposed to open the conference all that  
each should be more careful in this important  
duty.

The names of the Delegates were called as follows  
Haverhill - Benjamin W. Thompson, James  
Thompson, William A. Smith,

Harry Battery,

Hampden -

John C. Wheeler,

Westfield -

Samuel H. Smith, Charles J. Smith,  
John H. Smith,

Boston -

Samuel H. Smith, John H. Smith,  
John H. Smith, Isaac H. Smith,

who were present at the conference,

The following table shows the condition of the schools.

	No. Enrolled	No. Attend.
Worcester-	106	70
Northbridge	12	7
Northbridge	13	10
Worcester	38	22
Bolton	71	44 $\frac{5}{13}$

The Conference listened to recitations by the little girls.

Interesting papers were read by Samuel French. Charles Edward Johnson gave an excellent address on the study of the Bible.

It was decided that the Sec. of the Conference should take the responsibility of filling out the statistical cards of the Society Meeting Bible School Committee and returning them to said Committee.

The following persons were appointed to arrange for next Conference to be held in Northbridge - William C. Wheeler, Hazen Wheeler, Emma W. Prince Wheeler and Helen A. Daniels.

The Conference adjourned to meet in Northbridge on the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1857 at 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock.

Doreas H. Wheeler. Sec.



Northbridge Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. 1887.

The Bible Church Conference met according to adjournment. The President - still being present Sarah Marble was appointed to serve as President for the evening.

The Conference was opened by reading the one hundred and third Psalm, followed by vocal prayer.

The report of the conference held in Worcester was read and accepted.

Reports were read from the schools in Wrentham, Northbridge, Northbridge, Worcester and Bolton. A report from Bissellville was given by a member of that school.

The names of the delegates were called as follows:

Wrentham. - Sarah Marble, Edwin Morse,  
Laura Read, John Metcalfe.

Northbridge - Dorcas H. Wheeler.

Northbridge - Hannah M. Aldrich  
Mary Bennett, Geo. H. Bennett  
Charles Fowler.

Worcester - Emma C. Swift, Ann M. Blackwood  
A. C. Phelps.

Bolton. - Alfred Dow, Alice M. Dow,  
Hannah C. Wheeler, Thomas F. Wheeler.

The delegates were present except three.  
The following table shows the contribution of  
the several schools.

	No. enrolled	Am. Alt.
Manchester	103	72
Highbridge	7	6
Northbridge	17	13
Worcester	27	19
Bolton	56	45 $\frac{1}{3}$
Burrillville	6	4

The Conference then listened to an address  
by Ruth Murray. She referred to a question  
from the Lord to Moses of old - "What  
has thou in thine hand?" and he said  
a rod. He made the miracles performed  
by Moses with that rod; - it was nothing  
in the rod but the power of God that  
made it of use. Many feel that their  
efforts amount to so little. The Lord  
comes to us with the same question.  
"What has thou in thine hand?" It is  
not those who give the most that  
receive the blessing but those who give  
all they have. So when we go to the  
class we are to take what we have in  
our hand. If our hearts are in

accordance with our teaching, then we shall exert an influence for good. Mr Jacob exhorted each teacher to do their utmost - that every child may give their heart to the Savior.

The following persons were appointed to arrange for the next Conference to be held in Bolton. David Wheeler, Thomas A. Wheeler, Hannah L. Wheeler and Alice H. Dow.

The Conference adjourned to meet in Bolton the evening before Quarterly Meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Dorcas H. Wheeler. Sec.



Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 16<sup>th</sup> 1887.

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment.

After the singing of a Hymn, the Conference was opened by Jesse McPherson reading the thirty fourth Psalm, followed by vocal prayer, after which the Hymn, Jesus keep me near the Cross, was sung.

The names of the Delegates were called, as follows.

Wonsucket. — Richard Battery, Mary Battery

Laura A. Read, William Hinch

Worcester. — Calvin R. Lockwood, Ann H.

Lockwood, Henry D. Swift; Amiel C. Phelps.

Bolton. — Bertha M. Wheeler, Alfred Dow,

Alice S. Dow, Samuel Wheeler.

who were present except three,

the report of the Conference held in Northbridge was read and accepted.

Reports were read from the schools in Wonsucket, Northbridge, Worcester and Bolton. A verbal report from Bussillville, also a card from Mansfield.

The following table shows the condition of the several schools. —



	No. Enrolled.	Aves. Attm.
Wanamahet	120	78
Worcester		
Marshbridge	20	15
Worcester	33	17
Boston	67	46
Marshallville	6	5
Manfield	30	20

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses of this Conference.

The Conference then listened to several recitations by the children of the Bible School of Boston.

The following question was then brought forward for discussion.

What method can we adopt, that will be most effectual in interesting boys and girls of the ages between twelve and sixteen?

Samuel Wheeler said, let them know that we are interested in them, that we are not only interested in their present happiness, but in their future happiness, and each teacher should live their teaching as an example to their scholars,

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Lydia Haight, said we had need of  
consecrated Teachers in this work.  
The question was then asked, should  
we teach that Jesus made the world?  
It was answered that most certainly  
we should, as it was so taught in the  
New Testament.

The following persons were  
appointed to arrange for the next  
Conference to be held in Woonsocket.  
Oscar Morse, Sarah Marble, George Turner  
and Darius A. Wilbur.

The hymn, *A work for me, and a work  
for you*, was then sung followed by  
prayer.

The Conference then adjourned to  
meet in Woonsocket the evening  
before Quarterly Meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Darcas H. Wheeler Sec.

Woonsocket 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. 9<sup>th</sup> 1888.

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment.

After singing a Hymn, the 84<sup>th</sup> Psalm was read by Jesse McChesron, followed by prayer. The report of the Conference held in Boston, was read and accepted.

At the Annual Meeting of the Conference the following were elected as officers for the coming year;

Jesse McChesron, President.

Oscar E. Morse, Vice President.

Esther Osborne, Treasurers.

Darcas E. Wheeler, Secretary.

The names of the delegates were called as follows;

Woonsocket - Eliza C. Read, Frank Bachelor, Jennie Rogers, Mabel Mann.

Hybridge - Darcas E. Wheeler.

Northbridge - Hannah M. Adrich, Rev. H. Bennett, Mary C. Bennett, Saloma C. Wheeler.

Marcester. Henry L. Swift, Emma C. Swift, Calvin E. Rockwood, Ann M. Rockwood.

Boston - Susan C. Wheeler, Samuel Wheeler, Alfred Dow, Alice M. Dow,

who were present except five.



The reports from the different schools were read, also verbal reports were given of most of the schools.

The following table shows the condition of the several schools.

	No. Enrolled	Aver. Atten.
Woonsocket	118	78
Nashridge	8	8
Northbridge	18	14
Warcester	36	25
Bolton	80	50
Burrillville	8	7
Mansfield	26	24

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expense of this Conference.

The Treasurers report was read and accepted and is as follows;

Woonsocket - 11<sup>th</sup> Mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1887  
At our last Annual Meeting the sum in the hands of the Treasurer was, \$ 39.58

During the present year the collections have been from

Woonsocket - Bible school	4.00
Warcester                   "                   "	2.68
Bolton                       "                   "	<u>2.50</u>
Whole Amount	\$ 48.83



Expenses of the year \$ 5.80  
On hand 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1887 \$ 43.53  
Esther Osborne Treasurer.

An exceedingly interesting address was given by Rufus W. Jones, a teacher at Friends School Providence R.I. on the Authenticity of the Bible.

He said there are people who try to prove the Bible is a myth - but compare history with the Bible - We at once see a wonderful similarity. And the more the Scientists search the more they bring to light which proves the truth of the Bible.

The New Testament is in an age of Litany. The evidences from so many authors strengthen the truth of it. Josephus in his history seems to avoid the name of Christ.

The resurrection of Christ is the most important of anything for us and we were exhorted to make sure that we have a part in the Resurrection of Life.

The following persons were appointed to arrange for the next Conference to be held at Worcester - Arthur H. Swift;

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Samuel Smith, Joseph H. Marble and  
Sarah J. Swift.

The Conference then adjourned to meet  
in Worcester 2nd Mo. 8th 1888.

Deas H. Wheeler  
Secretary.

Warcester 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 8<sup>th</sup> 1888.

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment.

The President, Vice-President and Secretary not being present John Metcalf was appointed to serve as President for the evening and Hattie B. Metcalf as Secretary.

The Conference was opened by reading a portion of Scripture.

The report of the Conference held at Hounschocket was read and accepted.

The names of the delegates were called as follows:-

Hounschocket; Hattie B. Metcalf,  
Jennie L. Lothrop,  
John Metcalf, Richard Battey,  
Northbridge; David Wheeler and  
Hannah M. Aldrich.

Warcester: Daniel C. Phelps, Lydia A. Phelps,  
Arthur C. Smith, Sarah J. Smith.

Bolton: Carl A. Randall, Bertha M. Wheeler,  
Annie M. Wheeler, Alice L. Dow.

The delegates were present except one.  
Reports were read from the schools in Hounschocket, Northbridge, Warcester and Bolton. The statistical cards were received from each of the schools except Mansfield.



and Northbridge,  
the following table shows the condition of the  
several schools.

	No. Enrolled	Aver. Atten.
Wrensvick	111	68
Northbridge	16	12
Warcester	36	22
Bolton	61	36 $\frac{2}{3}$
Burrillville	11	8

The Conference then listened to a very  
interesting paper prepared and read by  
Caleb Hall on the early Quakers in America.  
He said they were greatly in advance of the  
age, hence their persecutions. Their belief in  
divine inspiration was not at all understood  
by the Puritans, neither the disuse of  
carnal weapons. The first women Friends  
came to America in July 1656.

Puritans were already alert and expecting  
with every vessel the arrival of the Quakers.  
These women were at once recognized  
as such and their trunks searched, before  
they were allowed to come ashore.  
About 100 books were found and taken  
ashore and burned by the hangman.  
After being kept in prison for a time

they were sent back to England.  
This treatment did not discourage  
them however and parties continued  
to come enduring much persecution.  
Many were driven from Mass. by  
the continued persecutions and made  
their home within the more peaceable  
borders of R.I. Here the Indians  
gave them the Island of Aquidneck.  
(Peaceable Isle.) Unmolested by gent  
laws they became the most peaceable &  
citizens. Here they prospered and built  
meeting houses some of which are  
standing today. Quaker influence  
is still felt in R.I. and is shown  
in their just laws.

Southwick being the property of  
New York till 1792 was also a favorite  
place for the persecuted people.  
Thomas Maby was the first white  
settler there in 1659. He found  
about 1500 Indians there. He was  
soon joined by other friends from  
Mass. The Quakers have always been  
the friend of the Indian always  
making honorable bargains for the  
lands they occupied. They have

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always been on the right side of all  
the great political questions and have  
had a vast influence on all the great-  
events of our history. They were the  
first to proclaim against African  
Slavery. They placed women on an  
equal footing with man. They have  
always been the friends of humanity  
visiting prisons and uplifting human  
kind. The Quaker method is  
broader than that of any other Denomi-  
nation trusting wholly upon God  
for the upbuilding of their church.  
The paper closed with the poem, "The  
Quaker of the Olden Time."

The following persons were appointed to  
arrange for the next Conference to be held  
at Northbridge - Abigail Wheeler, Abner  
C. Wheeler, Charles Fowler and Hannah  
M. Aldrich.

The Conference then adjourned to meet  
at Northbridge in 5<sup>th</sup> Mo. the evening  
before Quarterly Meeting at Freetown.

Hattie B. Metcalf  
Sec. Br. tm.



Northbridge 5<sup>th</sup> Mo. 9<sup>th</sup> 1888.  
The Bible School Conference met according  
to adjournment.  
After singing a hymn, the 62<sup>d</sup> chapter of  
Isaiah was read by Jesse H. Benson, President  
followed by prayer.  
The report of the Conference held at Worcester  
was read and accepted.

The names of the delegates were called as  
follows -

Northbridge - Richard Batley, John Metcalf,  
Sarah Marble Mary Batley.  
Worcester - Ann M. Rockwood, Calvin R.  
Rockwood, Lydia A. Phelps Arthur H. Swift.  
Bolton - Samuel Wheeler David B. Wheeler  
Abbie H. Randall Alfred Son.

The delegates were present except three.  
Reports were read from Northbridge,  
Northbridge, Worcester and Bolton. The  
statistical cards were read from Burrillville  
and Mansfield.

The following table shows the condition  
of the several schools.

	No. Enrolled	Aver. Att.
Northbridge	110	78
Northbridge	16	12
Worcester	34	23

Bolton	61	40 $\frac{8}{13}$
Burrillville	10	8
Mansfield	25	12

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expense of the Conference.

The Conference then listened to an address delivered by Charles H. Jones of Maine on Mission work in Syria.

He said as our minds turn to the Bible lands we see them very much the same as if we had lived in the time of Abraham. The Bible is the best history of Syria and Bible lands at this time. As we pass along to Jerusalem we know we are walking upon the same ground that our Savior walked upon. Within the walls of Jerusalem is the foundation of the pool of Silvan. Across the brook Kedron is the garden of Gethsemane. In the garden are thirteen Olive trees from 13 to 15 ft. in diameter. Jacobs well is to be seen partially filled with debris although some parts of the year there is water in it. It is very real to take the Bible and read it among these scenes. The plowing is done with oxen. Sometimes there are twelve yoke of oxen, a plow and man to each yoke. Following one after the other. A man takes



out as much land as he thinks it will take  
to raise enough wheat to feed his family  
he then plows it and sows his seed.  
But a small part of the seed is covered  
and therefore much of it is picked up by  
the birds. The women are really beasts of  
burden. The men do the plowing and  
sowing, the women do the rest of the work.  
Sometimes the man's wife is yoked beside  
him to do the plowing. The first thing  
in the morning the wife grinds enough  
wheat to make bread sufficient for the  
family for one day often taking two hours.  
The oven is a hole dug in the ground and  
stoned, a fire is made upon the stones  
and when they are hot the bread is put  
upon them to bake. They have no regular  
meals but each one eats when he is  
hungry. They often go a mile or more for  
water bringing it in earthen water pots  
on their heads. The fuel is also brought  
three or four miles on the heads of the  
women; the husband does nothing all  
the time. Some of the people know  
nothing of the Savior, right in the cities  
where He had lived and walked.  
As the children are brought into the



Mission schools and educated they are taught all the ways of work more as we do them. Not so much can be taught in the day school as in the Mission schools. The proposition now is to give Brumana to English Friends and New England Yearly Meeting to take Ramallah a place 10 miles north of Jerusalem and build a training home for the education of the native children. Wonderful work is going on at Brumana and we have every thing to encourage us to press on in the good work. At the close of the address Charles A. Jones showed a number of articles brought by him from the Bible land, among which were shoes and a sandal worn by the natives, a loaf of bread, a phylactery taken from a tomb at Tyre built in the time of our Savior, lamps taken from the same tomb a garment and veil worn by the native women.

The following persons were appointed to arrange for the next Con. to be held at Bolton. Alice M. Dow, Alice M. Wheeler, Bertha M. Wheeler, Samuel Wheeler.

The Con. then adjourned to meet in Bolton in 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. the evening before Quarterly Meeting.

Darcas H. Wheeler

Sec.

Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 8<sup>th</sup> 1888.

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment.

A portion of the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm was read by Jesse McPherson, President, followed by prayer.

The report of the Conference held at Northbridge was read and approved.

The names of the delegates were called as follows:

Woonsocket - Richard Battey, Mary Battey,  
William Adrich & Angie McPherson,  
Northbridge - Daniel Wheeler, Saloma C. Wheeler.  
Worcester - Calvin R. Rockwood, Ann M. Rockwood.  
Bolton - Sarah C. Wheeler, Abbott L.  
Wheeler, and Nathan Babcock.

The delegates were all present.

Reports were read from the schools in Woonsocket Northbridge Worcester and Bolton, and the statistical cards from Burrillville and Mansfield.

The following table shows the condition of the several schools.

	Enrolled	Aver. Atten.
Woonsocket	126	80
Northbridge	18	12
Worcester	44	21



Bolton	61	41 $\frac{4}{13}$
Burwellville	8	6
Mansfield	25	8

The Conference then listened to a number of recitations by the children of the Bible School. The pieces beautifully bringing out the subject of discussion for the evening. The following question was then read for discussion, — How does giving from the heart enlarge our natures and improve our characters? opened by Hon. Jacob who said the first thing to give was the heart itself — the whole heart — unreservedly and that so enlarges the heart that there want to work for others. Saloma C. Thiele said that the Lord wants us to work with him — it is not the much that we give as the heart and motive that prompts us to give.

The statistical cards having all been used the Sec. was authorized to procure a new supply with the following question added to the list already on the card. How many scholars have professed conversion during the past quarter?



The following persons were appointed to  
arrange for the next Conference to be held  
in Wonsucket. Louis Aldrich James H.  
Read George F. Varney and Esther Osburne.  
The Conference then adjourned to meet at  
Wonsucket in 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. the evening before  
Thanksgiving

Darcas H. Wheeler, Sec.

Worcester-11<sup>th</sup> Mo y<sup>th</sup> 1888

The Biller School Conference met according to adjournment.

The 104 Psalm was read followed by prayer, the President being absent, the Vice President - Oscar J. Morse acted as President for the evening.

The report of the Conference held at Bolton was read and approved.

The names of the delegates were called as follows;

Worcester; - Frank Henry, Abel Thayer,

Fred Batchelor Albert C. Todd,

Northbridge; - Abigail Wheeler, Salmon C. Wheeler,

Worcester; - Edwin R. Rockwood, Ann R. Rockwood,

Sarah J. Swift.

Bolton: Joanna H. Kimmons Alfred Dow

Susie M. Wheeler Alice M. Dow

Samuel Wheeler.

The delegates were present except two.

Reports were read from the schools in

Worcester, Northbridge, Worcester and

Bolton. Also the statistical from Billerica.

owing to the absence of the Supt. at Billerica there has been no Biller School at that place the past three months.

The following table shows the condition of the several schools; -

	No Enrolled	Aver. Attendance
Woonsocket-	123	74
Northbridge	14	12
Worcester	26	14
Bolton	16	38 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>13</sub>
Burrillville	8	7

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted  
and it as follows;

Report of Treasurer  
To Friends Bible Conference.

Funds on hand at Annual Meeting  
held 11<sup>th</sup> Mo 7<sup>th</sup> 1887. \$ 43.53

Contributions during the year.

Woonsocket-Bible School	\$ 4.00
Worcester           "           "	1.80
Bolton               "           "	.35

whole amount 6.15  
43.53  
49.68

Expenditures

Paid Rufus Jones for his address before the Conference 11 <sup>th</sup> Mo 1887	5.10
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Paid Charles H. Jones one half his travelling expenses to attend the Conference 5 <sup>th</sup> Mo 1888	6.00
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Paid Marcus H. Wheeler, cards for statistics,  
and printing

1.75-

Amount - \$ 12.75

Remaining in the Treasury \$ 36.93

Esther Osborne

Treasurer.

The subject of using the money in the Treasury  
was brought before the Conference.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay to any  
school in the Conference a sum not to  
exceed five dollars, when called for by  
the Superintendent.

Sarah Martle read a paper from Oak  
 Grove Seminary in regard to its financial  
condition. In order to enlarge the Sabbath school  
of the school it was suggested that each member  
of the Bible School of this Conference should  
pay the sum of ten cents for that purpose.

At the annual meeting of the  
Conference the following named persons  
were elected as officers the coming year.

President-	Osborn J. Morse
Vice President-	John Metcalfe
Treasurer	Esther Osborne
Secretary	Marcus H. Wheeler.

A sermon entitled, The Teacher  
and his class was read by Samuel C. Wheeler

A teacher must understand the different phases of character of his class that he may touch all and work through his class; one is responsive to one treatment and one to another. All are not to be treated alike. He will gather from every quarter, material for teaching and interesting his scholars. He will work for the attainment of some definite purpose. Salvation is the end sought. The children are to be educated in Christ. Each conscience must be reached and this will result in much gladness to both teacher and scholars.

Jenny Allen spoke in behalf of Juvenile Temperance work in this Yearly Meeting. Some schools had Temperance bands while others had not. She urged the members of the different schools to take the subject home with them and try what could be done to forward that work.

The following named persons were appointed to arrange for the next Conference to be held in Worcester. Arthur H. Swift - Samuel Arnold - Sarah J. Swift - and Maria Rockwood.

The Con. then adj'd to meet in Worcester in 2<sup>d</sup> Mo the evening before Quarterly Meeting.

Dorcas H. Wheeler Sec

November 2nd Nov. 1887.

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment.

A portion of Scripture was read by the President, Parker J. Morse, followed by prayer.

The report of the Conference held at Housachet was read and approved.

The names of the delegates were called as follows,

Housachet - John Waterhouse, Hattie B. Peters, Sarah Bartle, Elizabeth Ford.

Northbridge - Mrs C. Bennett, Joseph C. Phelps.

Haverster - Samuel A. Smith, Henry D. Swift.

Emma C. Swift, Sarah J. Swift.

Lydia A. Phelps.

Boston - Susan C. Wheeler, Henry C. Palmer.

Joanna H. Timmerman.

The delegates were present except three.

Reports were read from the schools in

Housachet Northbridge Haverster

and Boston.

Reports or statistical cards were

received from Buxifield as Haverster.

The following table shows the condition

of the several schools.



	No. Enrolled	Aver. Atten.
Woonsocket	109	72
Northbridge	19	14
Warcester	32	21
Boston	86	34 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>14</sub>

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses of the Conference.

The Conference then listened to a paper prepared and read by George Chase, on 'Helps in the study of the Bible'; He said - Let Scripture be given for inspiration. The most ignorant learn the simplest truths. There is no other book where the truths show something new, not seen before.

The Bible should be studied with helps, but with illumination there and with helps those who help themselves.

One passage should light on another. We should read by subjects and by books, instead of parts.

Everything that relates to History will richly reward our study.

We should have devotional study and seek the aid of the Holy Spirit.

Children should read for themselves and learn portions of Scripture - it will be

remembered in after years.

The following named persons were appointed to arrange for the next conference to be held in Northbridge. - Abner C. Wheeler, Mary B. Chapman, Charles Foster, Hannah M. Ellis.

The conference then adjourned to meet in Northbridge in a hall the evening before next by meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Lucas H. Babcock Sec.

Northbridge 5<sup>th</sup> Mo. 8<sup>th</sup> 1889.  
The Annual Conference and adjourning  
to the following -

The 105<sup>th</sup> Psalm was read by Saml J.  
More, Esq., followed by prayer.  
The report of the Conference held at  
Horseshoe was read and accepted.  
The names of the delegates were called  
as follows -

Manassah - Lemuel L. Lathrop, Clara Mary  
Lathrop, Elizabeth & Albert C. Ladd.

Northbridge - Rev. H. Bennett, Saml. Thayer  
Jr., Ephraim and Helen Pratt.

Horseshoe - Saml. Ladd, Calvin B. Richmond  
and Anna M. Richmond.

Boston - Joanna H. Simmons, Anne  
Simmons & Marcus H. Babcock.

The delegates were present except one.  
Reports were read from Manassah -  
Northbridge Horseshoe and Boston.  
A statistical card from Mansfield.  
A verbal report was given by Rev. H. H.  
Hartwell. No school has been held.  
There is a ~~an~~ account of the small number  
John M. Tracy was glad to encourage  
Northbridge in their Mission work,  
Saml. More said he was glad to notice



an increase in numbers in Bolton and  
Horsnech. There was a growing interest  
in Horsnech school - not only were  
numbers added to the school but were  
added to the Lord.

The following table shows the condition  
of the several schools.

	Enrolled	Worship
Horsnech.	113	74
Northbridge	17	14
Horsnech	30	21
Bolton	70	52 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

A resolution was read by Hannah M.  
A. Smith of Northbridge.

She said the first Sabbath school was  
started by Robert Rankin in England.  
The child is taught the first principle  
truths of the Bible. The teachers should  
thoroughly prepare their lessons.

Children should be taught the importance  
of spirit and total abstinence.

Some can be taught this in the school  
when they would not at home.

Impress upon the children the truth that  
they are in Jesus.

John Wilmore said he was actively

suggested a year year ago in the hills  
about which it seems to be believed  
to gather in by singing. The teacher  
suggested that the people in the  
class, study the text of the lesson first,  
with its connections, then the home  
reading, then the questions on the  
text, study them early in the week.  
Keep it on the mind more or less during  
the week - it will create enthusiasm  
in the class; he went to a place where  
there was no Bible school, in three  
weeks 17 young men were interested,  
in a little more than a year there  
were 30 conversions.

Charles S. Dodd said we should take  
a general view of the lesson to find  
the leading thought. There are many  
points to be remembered, but to teach  
the point. The first thing is to get  
the idea of the lesson. Where did it  
happen and when? Then for the  
truth and the application of the truth.  
In asking questions lead on from one  
question to another, do not aim to  
force in to the child, but draw out -  
let the main point flash out in all

its beauty, study the spirit of Christ.  
 The more we expect from Christ - the  
 more we shall have. The Lord will not  
 help us without prayer.

Delia Mann said for the encouragement  
 of the teachers - they may not see the  
 results, but there will be good done in that  
 will grow after many days.

Delia Mann said to begin early in  
 the morning with one or two verses  
 think of them - read by one or two more.

The following named persons were present &  
 to arrange for the next Conference to be  
 held in Boston. Those present were  
 Dr. Babcock, Alice H. Lee, Henry O. Babcock.  
 The Conference then adjourned to meet in  
 Boston eight days hence. The meeting of  
 the Association was at 11 1/2 o'clock.

Dorcas H. Babcock Lee



Boston 5th Mo. 7th 1887.

The Bible School Conference met according  
to adjournment. The 91<sup>st</sup> Psalm was read.  
By Oscar J. Morse, Pres. followed by prayer.  
The report of the Conference held at Northbridge  
was read and accepted.  
The names of the delegates were called on  
as follows.

Barnstable - Oliver A. Ward, Amos W. Ward,  
Samuel A. Lathrop, Paul B. Lathrop,  
Northbridge - George H. Bennett, Mary A.  
Bennett, H. Alfred Whitman,  
Wareham - David H. Babcock, Amos H. Babcock,  
Colin E. Babcock, Saml H. Babcock,  
Bolton - Alfred Lee, Charles Small,  
Lester Whitman.

The delegates were present except one,  
reports were read from Barnstable,  
Northbridge, Wareham and Bolton,  
some where thought the reports were interesting.  
Rev. Whipple was glad to hear  
the reports, & great Bible School animals  
had been prophesied. He should say so  
long in our midst. He was glad  
in visiting from Barnstable School;  
he had a different way of teaching the  
scholars was admitted.

The Village had united themselves. There are  
"a few old ones and some times" they held a  
school and sometimes not. The young people  
had all gone away.

Partridge was the smallest school but he put  
forward of attendance. These schools report  
contributions to the Russell mission.  
He did not want the schools to grow old in  
the mission spirit.

Lizzie Larkin said we are not doing half as  
much as we ought to do. He would have all  
children to be staying in the school. He  
said a missionary Bible school. He should  
do work in our Bible schools that we can  
do over for Christ. He was afraid that was  
sometimes forgotten.

The statistical cards from the several  
schools were read.

The following table shows the condition  
of the several schools.

	No enrolled.	Aver. Atten.
Partridge	112	74
Partridge	20	16
Warcester	32	22 1/2
Partridge	70	47 1/2

An interesting address was given the  
conference by Mr. B. L. L. of L.

his subject being Lesson Book."

He said, in our Sabbath school a great effort is put forth for the work. He said in the first place that the Bible has an historical basis, wider from that it is comparatively small, so he believed in the study of the history part. A knowledge of Geography is almost necessary to understand the Bible; he believed in studying the geographical part also the chronological part. In the teachings of Jesus, who was the best of teachers, all these things are not neglected. There are geography, history, and chronology all along.

His interest is very much enhanced by giving variety to the topic - the same thing often becomes a drudgery.

An intelligent student, as you call for us in the study of the Bible.

The geographical part is often neglected with reason; we go before our scholars, ask a few questions, knowing but little of the place. It would be worth while to sometimes neglect the spiritual point of the lesson, but to always neglect the geographical part of it. It would be well for the superintendent



lent to locate one tablet in its month, to  
the geographical part.

He illustrated by drawing Palestine and the  
principal cities, mountains and rivers.  
Of the five principal cities, one was Jerusalem,  
Nineveh, and four on the old city, the other  
cities are uninhabited, although filled with  
swords; all these remind us of the actual  
fulfillment of the prophecies. These things  
should be looked up and studied, that we  
may be prepared on it, in our own time.

In the last 30 years investigations have  
gone on that have revealed many buried  
cities. In Nineveh, tablets have been  
found covered with letters so small, that  
a microscope is used to see them. All  
this adds to the interest.

It is a matter of some interest to know  
when Jesus lived, so it is an excellent  
thing to fix the dates in our mind.

In the study of the Bible a few dates  
should be fixed in our minds. The birth  
of Abraham about 2000 years before  
Christ, The giving of the law 1500 years  
before Christ, The dedication of the temple  
by Solomon 1000 years before Christ,  
When Sidon was being built Nineveh was

being but enlarged.

Many facts can be taken up, by giving a few minutes at a time.

There is not enough summarizing in the course. Take prophecy in the old Testament, read and then turn to the new, and take the fulfillment. Give a little study, and then principles may be learned. Teachers do not labor enough to bring out the things. Doctrine is too much neglected. In the early part of this century this society was sent in to raise, because doctrine was not enough taught.

The following named persons were appointed to arrange for the next Con. to be held at Hingham - Herbert C. Abbe, Oliver L. Knapp, Sarah Marble, Evelyn Henry.

The conference then adjourned to meet in Hingham in 1844. The evening before Quarterly Meeting, at 7 1/2 o'clock, Prayers by Rev. B. B. Marsh.

Womarchet - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1883.

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment. The 54<sup>th</sup> Psalm was read after which the Conference listened to an essay on the relations of Israel to Jewish History by Walter S. Mander of Friends School, Birm. He says, We have been studying for several months the history of the Jewish nation. Many have been ready to ask, why should we lose our selves among the tangles and branches of Jewish history, when the golden grain is sown by Christ himself. Here before us in the New Testament. If we could have but one, it certainly would not be wise to neglect the golden truths of the Jew, for the scattered and less shining ones of the Old Testament. Ours is a dry and uninspired age. The feast of discovery or discovery where by the comforts and luxuries of life are supplied. The great and we seek is creaturely comfort. We forget that the body is but the garment of the soul. The Hebrews were a nation of poet priests. How little we understand Davids words unless we enter



into his life's history. He could  
never utter such burning words  
if he had never been in danger.  
He gives all the praise & glory to God.  
The great characteristic of the earlier  
Babine is trust in God.

After David became king the Babine  
take another character.

After David's great sin there is  
another change.

His prayers are models of penitence -  
he does not ask to be delivered  
from his punishment, but - says  
create in me a clean heart.

The Conference then listened to a  
selection read by James S. Smith  
of Worcester also one by Jennie Lathrop  
of Framingham.

The Conference then proceeded to the  
business of the evening.

The report of the Conference held at  
Boston was read and accepted.

The names of the delegates were called  
as follows -

Framingham - Hannah Y. Mowry  
Joseph P. Burgess, George W. Phillips  
Mabel A. Bann.

Worcester. David M. Babcock, Anna M.  
Babcock. Arthur H. Swift, Charles H. Smith.  
Bolton — Bertha Wheeler, Dorcas H. Babcock  
Samuel Wheeler Susan C. Wheeler.

The delegates were present except two.  
Reports were read from Haverhill  
Worcester and Bolton and statistical  
card from Northbridge.

The following table shows the condition  
of the several schools.

	No. Enrolled	Aver. Att.
Haverhill	120	74
Northbridge	17	13
Worcester	34	22
Bolton	72	44 $\frac{2}{3}$

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted  
and is as follows —

Ester Babcock, in account with friends  
Conference of Bible Schools.

On hand at the Annual Meeting	
11 <sup>th</sup> Mo 7 <sup>th</sup> 1888.	\$ 36.93
Collectings during the year	5.94
Haverhill Bible School 4.07	72.87
Worcester " " 1.94	)

Paid travelling expenses  
of Thomas Chace from  
Providence to Worcester  
to address the Conference

— 2,25-

On hand at date \$ 40.62

11<sup>th</sup> Mo. 13<sup>th</sup> 1889

Esther Osburn Treasurer,

The Conference then considered the  
advisability of having printed the essay  
read by Walter S. Meador.

The following resolution was presented  
and the secretary directed to send the  
same to Walter S. Meador and to solicit  
the essay for publication.

Resolved that the thanks of this  
conference be and hereby are tendered  
to Walter S. Meador for his interesting  
and scholarly essay on the relation of  
Babylon to Jewish History.

Resolved further that we appoint a  
committee of three to consider the  
feasibility of printing it for distribution  
among our members.

A committee of three—namely John  
Metcalf, Olisha Beale and Sarah



Marble were appointed and authorized to have the essay printed, and distributed among the members of the different schools belonging to the Conference,

The time having expired, for which the officers were elected, a committee of three, John Metcalf, Samuel Wheeler & Arthur H. Swift were appointed to bring forward names of persons for office. After a brief consultation they presented the following names.

President.	D. Marshall Babcock
Vice Pres.	Elisha T. Beade
Secretary	Darcas H. Babcock
Treasurer	Sarah Marble.

They were accordingly elected to those offices for the ensuing year.

The following persons were appointed to arrange for the next Con. to be held in Worcester - Arthur H. Swift, Sarah J. Swift & Eva M. Babcock.

The Con. then adjourned to meet in Worcester in second month the evening before Quarterly Meeting at 7 o'clock

Darcas H. Babcock Sec.

Worcester 2-12-1890.

The Bible School Conference was according  
to adjournment. A portion of Scripture  
was read followed by prayer.

The report of the conference held at Haverock  
was read and accepted. The names of the  
delegates were called as follows -

Haverock - Bruce L. Phillips, Herbert  
L. Hilditch, & Robert Reed, Don Aldrich  
Northbridge - Herbert Hilditch & Selma  
C. Hilditch. Worcester - Margaret Hilditch,  
Eve M. Baprock, Sarah J. Swift and  
Samuel H. Arnold. Bolton - Mrs.  
Candace, Alfred Jones and, Sarah H. Baprock  
Burlington - Isaac Stone and Miss E.  
Steele, who were all present.

Reports were read from each of the  
schools except Mansfield. Burlington  
reported that they had recently reorganized  
and were busily engaged in working labor.

Isaac Stone thought the reports were  
encouraging.

The following table shows the condition  
of the several schools.

	No Enrolled	Over 100.
Haverock	120	70
Northbridge	15	12

	125	125
Garrett	84	35
Bolton	62	41
Amrillville	12	8

The conference then turned to a selection read by Sarah Pollock, entitled "The Pilgrims' Psalm" and written by George Burton. She said the Psalm was more beautiful to us when we recognize their festive spirit. The book of Psalms and the Hebrew hymns book and consisted of five books. David wrote not more than one half.

Several of the Psalms were accompanied upon and among these the 133<sup>d</sup>.

She said when she is the author of the Psalm, it is as appropriate now as when he rejoiced that he is secure in Jerusalem. He was glad that there was a place for judgment - rejoiced that his feet have stood in Jerusalem - there and there only can peace be found.

The committee who were appointed to arrange for the printing of the song read at the last conference by Arthur W. Meade, report that they have had the song printed and distributed. The matter of using the money in the hymn book was brought before



the school. John Metcalf would like to have it given to Hamallah Mission.

Isaac Steere thought well of this suggestion. Isabella Wheeler thought it better to reserve some of it. Isaac Steere then ~~ordered~~ <sup>ordered</sup> that paper or two be put in sent to Hamallah school for the purchase of library books.

The motion was carried and the Treasurer was authorized to pay to Hamallah school the sum of ten dollars for that purpose.

The Conference having received no report from Mansfield school, the secretary was desired to express good wishes, and encourage them in their labors.

Frank Jones made a few suggestions of how we should study our lessons.

The older ones ought to be ashamed to go without knowing their lessons.

In the first of the week read over the lessons thoroughly and look up the frame work and think of it. Look up the references. Talk of it and fill in with all the helps.

The younger ones should commit everything to memory; this part is badly neglected. They should learn accurately what a child would say they remember. Be very careful in the

selection of teachers for the primary classes. They should have teachers filled with love of God, & should find that the learning of discipline when he was a child had been a blessing to him.

The following persons were appointed to arrange for the next conference to be held in Southbridge - Rebecca C. Wheeler, John W. Traft, Abigail Wheeler and Deborah P. Atherton. The conference then adjourned to meet in Southbridge on 5th Mo. the evening before Quarterly Meeting at 7 o'clock.

Darius H. Babcock, Secy.

Northbridge 3-4-1890

The Sabbath School Conference was adjourned to adjournment. A portion of the minutes was read followed by prayer. The report of the Conference held at Worcester was read and accepted. The names of the delegates were called as follows -

Northbridge - L. A. Babcock, Read B. Morse  
Sylvester S. Smith, Abner C. Eld.

Northbridge - Chas. Fisher, Deborah B.  
Wheeler,

Worcester - Marshall D. Babcock, Eva M.  
Babcock, Helen Phelps, Lydia A. Phelps.  
Dorchester - Alfred C. Babcock, Susan B. Babcock.  
Lowell - George Henry B. Babcock, Abby  
Hendall who was present Sept 4.

Reports were read from each of the  
schools except Danville and Mansfield.  
Some time was given a verbal report of  
Danville school; he said the report  
was very small but hoped for a better  
in the future. A letter was read  
from Mansfield, speaking of the  
needs of that school one of which was  
new library books. The Secretary was  
directed to write to Mansfield telling  
them their privilege in regard to calling



for money for library purposes. John M. Taylor wished the schools would report more what they do for the Mission. He has an interesting mission at Remondah; he hoped each district would go home determined to interest their school more in Mission work.

Mary Galtay said that it cost sixty five dollars to clothe a school one year at the training home and five dollars for shoes outside. One teacher gives her salary to one native teacher and the Mission gives her time.

The following table shows the condition of the several schools.

	No. Enrolled	Aver. Atten.
Remondah	124	79
Remondah	14	12
Worcester	32	23
Bolton	66	45
Manofield	15	7

The conference then listened to a message delivered by Deborah P. Atterton

The old Testament is an object of study. The question is whether the young people of this time know more of the scripture than those of fifty years ago. In former

twice lessons were studied and learned while now they depend too much on the answers. They should learn the books by heart.

In the Old Testament we find more of like passages as we; They may feel sure that our side is no more pleasant to the Lord than was Ishbosheth's. In the practical part is the blessing of David to his sons & the prophecy of Amos, David's lamentation over Sheolam & Jonatham, in the book of Job the 34<sup>th</sup> and following chapters. Nowhere do we find finer poetry than in Isaiah. Let poets make use of biblical expressions. We should encourage a more extensive reading and study of the Old Testament.

John Metcalf wanted to impress upon the young ones to commit verses to memory and look to the Lord and he will reveal their meaning.

Deborah Atterton & Miss B. Stiers repeated a poem on the Book of the Bible. It was voted to have it printed for distribution among

the members of the schools of the Conference.  
John M. Telford and Deborah R. Johnson were  
appointed a committee for that purpose  
and to call upon the Com. Treasurer for the  
amount necessary to defray expenses.

The following persons were  
appointed to arrange for the next Com.  
to be held at Holliston; Alfred Jones,  
Cassius H. Babcock, Laura A. Wheeler, Henry  
C. Babcock and Abby Randall, & ~~committee~~  
& ~~arrange for the next Com. to be held~~  
~~at Holliston.~~

The Com. then adjourned to meet again  
at Holliston on 8th Nov. the eve. before the  
Meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Cassius H. Babcock  
Secy.



Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 13<sup>th</sup> 1890.

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment. A portion of Scripture was read followed by prayer.

The report of the term held at Northbridge was read and accepted. The names of the delegates were called as follows.

Thamesport - L. Isabel Reed, Flora M. Smith, C. Anna Reed, Sarah Marble.

Northbridge - Hazel Wheeler, Lucie L. Wheeler.

Acworth - Cora M. Gilchrist, Arthur H. Smith.

S. Marshall Babcock, Ann M. Rockwood.

Bolton - Frank H. Clark, Alfred Low, Julia Day, Laura Wheeler who were present except one.

Reports were read from each of the schools except Barnstable and Mansfield.

A member of Mansfield gave a verbal report - she said that school was rather on the increase but there was room for work.

Sarah Marble said that the increase was from the infant class and that we should invite the small ones to the Bible School. said that Thamesport supported a child in the boarding school at Ramallah. John Metcalf said it is a matter of thankfulness that our schools do take an interest in Mission work.

The following table shows the condition of the several schools.

	Enrolled	Aver. Atten.
Manchester	138	11
Leedsbridge	20	16
Worcester	38	22
Bolton	66	45
Mansfield	12	8

The Conference was pleased to receive an interesting address <sup>on attractive Bible schools</sup> delivered by Mrs. H. H. H. of Boston. She was interested in looking over the accounts of Bible Schools in New England for the last ten or twelve years.

In some meetings some of the members stay to the schools and some go home and in some all stay. The question is whether the Bible School is a success and if it is as much of a success as it should be and if we are satisfied with it. What is an attractive Bible School? There are some that are not attractive - what must we do to make it so. The profit should be teachers but we ought to be held up by them. It should be attractive teachers. Christians are not to be chosen who are not Christians. Love and a teacher who knows how to have fun - have a good time. The teaching of the lesson is what

The teacher has proved fully brought from the lesson.  
Teachers will not be model teachers but we can be  
a better teacher and scholar than we were last.

We must attract the attention of the scholars. If we talk  
to them about some thing they know already they can  
easily be lost. What they do not know. With the scholar  
and the teacher must be well informed. It is best  
that we have at hand is in the lesson and take  
it to ourselves. Some have a way of talking  
right in the hands of the scholars. If the  
scholar do not understand, the teacher does  
not understand himself. We often try to teach  
too much at a time. Do not hesitate to do  
things to interest the scholars because we  
cannot do it as well as some one else.

One way of doing good is to put one scholar to  
work for another.

It would surprise me to know how many  
children in India today have had to be  
15 years of age without anyone taking a  
personal interest in their souls.

The work of the Bible School is to point  
them to the Father of all Good. It is  
always right to ask those who go on home  
to come to our school.

A vote of thanks was tendered by the  
members of the Conference to Martha Hoag



for speaking so happily to them.

David Douglass said: If you cannot do as ~~well~~  
you would like, do the best you can.

William Thompson said that Moody has said,  
he knows the man who does the work best he can,  
when he knows the best he can do, is only second  
rate.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the expenses  
of the Conference.

The following persons were appointed to arrange  
for the next Conference to be held at Manchester.  
Charles T. Head, Sarah Wadsworth, George H. Phillips,  
Oscar J. Morse, Anna Cranston.

The Conference then adjourned to meet in  
Manchester on 14th Nov. the eve before Quarterly  
Meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Doreas H. Babcock, Sec.

Worcester - 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. 12<sup>th</sup> 1890

The Bible School Conference met according  
to adjournment: a portion of Scripture  
was read followed by prayer.

The report of the Conference held at Bolton  
was read and approved.

The names of the delegates were called as  
follows:

Worcester; Edwin Carpenter, Helen Mary  
Clara Carpenter Fred Mann,  
Northbridge; Deborah P. Weston, Harold Wheeler  
Worcester; Lydia A. Phelps, Arthur H. Smith.  
Bolton; Sarah Barker, Eva M. Barker.  
Helen; Sarah Wheeler, Alfred Lee,  
Alice M. Lee, Paul A. Kendall.

The delegates were all present except one.  
Reports were read from each of the schools  
except Southville and Mansfield.  
The following table shows the condition  
of the schools at the end of the year;

	No. Enrolled	No. Attending
Worcester	127	76
Northbridge	20	16
Worcester	29	18
Bolton	58	48
Mansfield	20	8

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted  
and is as follows;

March 1st 1890. Treasurer's report

1st Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
2nd Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
3rd Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
4th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
5th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
6th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
7th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
8th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
9th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
10th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
Total	\$24.10

Receipts

11th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	\$42.12
12th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
13th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.54
14th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
15th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
16th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
17th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
18th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
19th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
20th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
21st Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
22nd Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
23rd Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
24th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
25th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
26th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
27th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
28th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
29th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
30th Mar. 1890. Treasurer's report	1.00
Total	\$48.94

On hand at date \$24.84  
Sarah M. H. Treasurer



The time having expired for which the  
1112 were elected, a committee of  
three were appointed, James S. Read  
Leah H. Swift and Henry C. Babcock, who  
retired to prepare a list of names for  
officers. While the committee were  
preparing the names the younger members  
entertained the conference with recitations  
and singing after which the Com. listened  
to an excellent address entitled the  
Christianity of the Baptists, by William  
Pickham of Lynn. He said that though  
there is no sound of Christians as there  
is a foundation for the Baptists. While the  
Christians are differing in the Church  
about minor matters the forces of the  
enemy are busy trying to undermine  
the faith. The ask is the Bible genuine?  
It is right that we should know; we apply  
the different tests to the Testament.  
We find it has more to attest its genuineness  
than any other book ever made.  
We find within all the way back that  
prove the genuineness of it - that it is  
true and credible: little things that  
would be passed over in later days, are  
brought out. The more we investigate

the more we find to corroborate the truth of it. We cannot prove a contradiction and that the writers of the four Gospels do not tell things just alike is the strongest proof of truth. The genuineness of the Old Testament is supported by its discovery in the last years.

We are to believe that the record is correct. We have no right to doubt.

The doctrines and precepts of the Bible — are they genuine? They seem to be. They have the candor and boldness of truth. The writers confidently treat of subjects that have baffled the power of philosophy of all ages. They treat these subjects fearlessly and unshrinkingly. The Bible contains all that is good and leaves all that is bad. They are consistent and harmonious. The Bible presents to us one model that is true and faultless. That should before us pure and faultless.

The Jews have always held that the Old Testament writers were inspired. They did not rebuke the Jews for believing the Old Testament. They call them the Oracles of God. Philip and Josephus call them sacred writings. Christ was constantly appealing to the Old Testament. There,

are about 400 quotations and allusions,  
from the Old Testament to the New.  
The fulfilling of prophecy and the fulfilment  
of that prophecy applies equally to the Old  
and New. The treasures cannot be  
exhausted.

Sarah Marble moved that a vote of  
thanks be tendered William Dickinson  
for his essay.

The committee then presented the  
following names for officers the coming  
year.

President - C. Marshall Babcock

Vice " - Abisha T. Head

Secretary - Ezra M. Babcock

Treasurer - Martin C. Matherly

Ezra M. Babcock declined to serve as  
Secretary and substituted the name of  
Delavan P. Thurston, which was accepted.  
The Treasurer was instructed to pay the  
expenses of this Conference.

The following persons were appointed  
to arrange for the next Conference to  
be held in Worcester: Ezra M. Babcock,  
Martin C. Matherly and Joseph Marble.  
A vote of thanks was extended to the



children for their services.  
 The business then adjourned to meet at  
 the water in second month of the year.  
 before meeting at 7 o'clock.  
 Spring St. School - 1881

Worcester, Jan. 11, 1874

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment. A portion of Scripture was read followed by prayer.

The report of the Conference held at Woonsocket was read and approved.

The names of the delegates were called as follows: Woonsocket, Joseph Bunge, William Stone, John Henry Stone, Phillips.

Worcester, Samuel A. Arnold, Ann M. Rockwood, Maria C. Stone, Bolton, David H. Perkins and James E. White. There were present except 3.

Reports were read from each of the schools except Burnsville.

The following table shows the results of the year:

	No. Enrolled	Average Attendance
Woonsocket	124	80
Northbridge	16	12
Worcester	33	20
Bolton	30	37 $\frac{5}{13}$

The Burnsville school has not been held in the last quarter.

The Conference then listened to recitations and songs by several of the children, two of whom repeated in the Parables of the Bible.

An address followed by Martha C. King of Woonsocket on "The Importance of Bible Schools." Many a name was

in these conferences? Because we are interested in our  
schools. Why do we not do better schools? Better schools are  
formed because we believe in the influence of the Bible.  
The study of the Bible is useful to us only as far as it comes  
to us and teaches the truths about ourselves. It might be of some  
use to us, and describe, present of nations in some places, and  
and this would be interesting perhaps, to know how of what people  
and what would it be? But the Gospel is the power of God in  
salvation to every one that believes, and the Gospel is the  
story of Jesus Christ and His teachings, and these teachings  
include the power to show us how to order our lives. There  
is nothing to boast of, something to glory in, and this  
need to be satisfied. We may glory in the Gospel. But having  
learned these things we must apply. Paul not only gave  
his whole life but his whole mind. We may devote ourselves  
according to our several ability. The Gospel message has been  
committed to us and we ought to carry it out. But we must  
never forget to give it to those around us. If we fully understand  
what has been done for us we should first make  
known telling the Gospel to others. The object of the Church  
is to tell the story of Christ to love to every creature and  
should be doing it to everybody. And in doing that we should  
not forget that the Bible is a collection of different kinds of  
writing. There is something suited to each one, it is not just  
revelation, moral precepts, regulations. We have various  
temptations, some the command in the Gospel to us, with all  
Bible of which the chief interest is to carry the Gospel message  
it teaches us to do.



Bro. S. Stearns said that to have the power of doing  
one ought to try to introduce it in the Bible. And it is  
dear to see how welcome the things of a Garrison are to the  
people of this country. It was a very  
strongly felt and a very much enjoyed thing. Many were  
interested in their sorrow and sufferings. And the  
many things from the Bible and the things of a  
Garrison to be able to report them in the future. The  
things exhibited various articles brought from the  
Land illustrating the Bible; an old carpenter's plan  
from Nazareth, a phylactery, a roll of the book of Esther  
from the same place. It was a very interesting  
thing that the valley of Elah, 10 pieces of armor  
miniature like I saw with the sword and helmet  
and the shield and the spear. The things of a  
Garrison, which were very much enjoyed. The things  
of the time presented her first to the things of the  
she would like to have done.

A few words of encouragement were then spoken to  
the children whose recitations and singing had added  
to the interest of the conference meeting.

It was then voted that the Treasurer be directed  
by the officers of the conference

to arrange for the next meeting, Feb.

The Conference then adjourned to meet in Nov.

Northbridge 5mo 13, 1891.

The Bible School Conference met pursuant to adjournment after singing a psalm of David and followed by prayer. The report of the conference held at Worcester was read and approved.

The names of the delegates are as follows: Worcester, Thomas J. Ward, David Reed, Elizabeth Reed, Sarah Stone; Northbridge, George Bennett, George Pratt, Mary Bennett, Anna Pratt and Mary Windish; Worcester, Catherine R. Rockwood, Mrs. H. Rockwood; Alice M. Dow, Nathan Babcock and David H. Wheeler, who were all present but we.

Reports were read from each of the schools except the Millville, which we were informed by Isaac Thomas had been unable to sustain in that district during the last quarter. We hoped, however, for an improvement in the future.

The following table shows the condition of each of the schools:

	Enrolled	At School
Worcester	120	87
Northbridge	18	14
Worcester	28	16
Boston	58	46
Mansfield	7	6

It was then voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Conference.

An essay was then read by Thomas J. Battery on the Bearing of Recent Explorations in Palestine on the Bible. He introduced his essay by stating that when he came to write he found so much to say that he felt to be a necessary part.

lude to his subject that he had not been able to dwell as long  
as he would have wished on the interesting discrepancies & con-  
tradictions. The Bible is not a single book, or a treatise by one person  
but a nation's life, more. Thus it contains a great variety of  
literature, written <sup>by</sup> authors in almost every station in life, in  
almost all circumstances. But nevertheless it is inspired of God  
and this is proved by its effects upon the people who accept it.  
Could any other collection of ancient authors, be so prized  
for ages by the guide, comforter, instructor, and friend of  
mankind? Many theories have been held in regard to inspira-  
tion from those which would make the writers mere machines  
to those which regard the book as a jumble of moral say-  
ings collected in the course of ages. The different ages gave  
their own way, the work showing one form of growth and  
the form another, as the authors of the bible while deliver-  
ing the Divine message, did it in accordance with their own  
nature. All truth is a revelation, but different minds reveal  
into different kinds and then reveal them to the world. Thus  
the Hebrew mind was especially susceptible to religious in-  
spiration, the Greek to beauty, the Roman to order and law.  
The Jewish nation, by its bond to religion, became the reveler  
of religious truth, not like a mere set of rules transmitting  
sound, but grew like the oak. The same great burst of thought  
with the Homers with other productions of humanity. The present  
is a time of upheaval, and a tide of criticism has set in which  
threatens destruction to much that was formerly unquestioned.  
The question now confronts us, Is religious thought a crystal  
hereafter to develop into beauty, or is it a crumbling temple?



If we should be forced to  
~~have~~ we accept some narratives, as for example, the story of  
 Jonah, as parables, ~~and~~ <sup>can we</sup> yet still study the lessons of decision,  
 repentance, the Divine mercy, etc. which are taught by them,  
 and which were undoubtedly the reason they are recorded? If we  
 can do this, we need fear little loss, should the many researches in  
 Bible lands prove that some of the Old Testament stories are of  
 the same character as the parables of the Lord Jesus, and that  
 the Parable of the Sower, for their lessons will still remain, be though  
 the lost monasteries and buried cities are explored, for the  
 records of the past, let us have the courage of St. Paul and  
 "prove all things; hold fast to that which is good." Something  
 that ought to stand with stance. ~~It is~~ ~~an~~ ~~an~~ ~~an~~ ~~an~~ in the  
 great temple of Scripture. The more we worship at it, the more  
 the more certain are we that the Book of Life is there and  
 permeates all its words. Whatever it deals with, the great  
 truths, the great moral lessons of all ages, are brought out.  
 The divine counsels are shown in the personal history of  
 a man, and the truths of Scripture are stamped on every  
 object. The clouds are the chariot of the Almighty, the light  
 is His government, the heavens His curtain. Every act of our daily  
 life may recall some precept or Divine saying. "This morning  
 in the morning we are reminded, "Open thine eyes that  
 I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." On going to  
 rest, "I will lay me down in peace and sleep for now, but  
 only makest me dwell with safety." This imprint confirms  
 its divine origin.

Now, if these writers differ from the topography, manners and  
 customs, etc. of the countries they speak of, it hurts their credit, but

If they are correct on these points their credit is confirmed. Palestine Explorations have brought to light overwhelming evidence of their general correctness. Ur of the Chaldees has been somewhat explored and the name of Hiram occurs on several tablets, showing it to have been a not uncommon name in that place. In Egypt several records have been found referring to long famines, some lasting seven years, and one record has been supposed to refer to Joseph. Pithou one of the cities built by the Israelites, has been explored and many granaries are there, built of brick, part of which were mixed with cut straw, and part with stubble. In the mountains of Moab many rude stone altars exist, and in one place seven were found together, recalling the seven built by Balaam's directions at two or three places in this region. These monuments abound also in the northern part of Palestine but none are found in the territory of Judah thus confirming the account of their destruction by Hazekeiah. At Jerusalem a well sunk 100 feet in the corner of the temple court reached the living rock, and here no chips or fragments of stone were found, though they abound in a quarry on the other side of the city whose Phoenician inscriptions seem to prove it was worked by the builders of King Hiram. This confirms the statement that no tool was used on the temple site, but all the blocks were fully shaped before they were brought there. Thus the naked truth itself, as it appeals to the humblest soul brings with it its own evidence more convincing than sculptured monument or marble tablet.

The reading of the essay was followed <sup>by</sup> a few remarks, but

owing to the lateness of the hour, there was little time to discuss the points of interest presented.

The following committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of printing it, and were authorized to attend to the matter if they should find such an expenditure warranted by the funds in the treasury: Elisha T. Read, Frank Marble, Oscar J. Morse, and John A. P. Sherton.

A committee to arrange for holding the next conference Samuel Marble, Alice M. Dow, David B. Marble, Alfred Dow, and Adelaide C. Marble were appointed.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to Thomas J. Butler for his very interesting essay.

The conference then adjourned, to meet at Boston the evening before Quarterly Meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.

B. F. Sherton, Sec.



Bolton, 8 mo. 12, 1891.

The Conference met, pursuant to adjournment. A portion of Scripture was read, followed by prayer.

The report of the Conference held at Northbridge was then read and approved.

The ~~delegates~~ names of the delegates were then called as follows:

Hocusecket, William J. Morse, Albert C. Tait, Isabel Reed, Edgar S. Gould and Evelyn May.

Northbridge, Mr. Eric Wheeler and Annan E. Wheeler.  
Worcester, A. Eben Phelps, Lydia A. Phelps, and L.

Rockwood

Bolton, Edwin Wheeler, Lura L. Wheeler, Alfred Dow  
Susie Dow.

Reports were read from each of the schools except the field and Burnsville, but we were informed verbally that the school at Burnsville is not now kept up.

The following table shows the condition of each of the schools.

Hocusecket,	148	82
Northbridge,	21	16
Worcester	24	15
Bolton	58	38 $\frac{2}{3}$

Some discussion followed the reading of the reports. It was suggested that young men and women, in many cases, would be more useful as teachers than as members of a Bible class. For a Bible school teacher two things are necessary, conviction and consecration. In faith, we take everything Jesus had in consecration, we give everything to God.

An essay was read by Miss H. D. on the question, "How can the Conference do better and more efficient work that it can increase the interest in Bible schools." It was suggested that instead of the \$1000 to raise money for the expenses of the Conference, collections should be taken <sup>at the beginning</sup> for the schools, to assist them in carrying on their libraries, etc. Also the young people should be encouraged to take part in the discussions and exercises of the meetings. A visiting committee appointed by each school to visit the rest would encourage those visited and suggest new methods. It would also bind us more closely together. Bible study is needed for success in Bible schools; first the pupils get working in the guidance of the Holy Spirit to rightly understand the lessons, and then all we can learn is required of the history, geography, etc. of the Bible.

A discussion then followed on the topic of the essay. Superintendents should know the character of each class and the kind of teachers needed and should be at liberty to make a change if it appears to be for the good of the class. If money is raised by the Conference, it should always be for some definite object. A paper is returned before the Conference might be read again before the schools. The visiting committee might report to the Conference and the members to their own schools. It is desirable to have spoken by the children at these meetings of the Conference as it gives them an interest in these meetings. It was suggested that teachers found difficulty in leaving their classes to visit the schools, but it was suggested to the other members that an occasional change for one day might be a benefit to class as well as teacher.

A visiting committee was appointed in accordance with

By-Law 4, to serve untill the annual meeting. The Com. is  
as follows: Oliver J. Hunt, Edgar L. Arnold, Laura Wheeler,  
Pulmona C. Wheeler, Eben Phelps, Lydia A. Phelps, Alfred True  
and Katie Wheeler.

A letter was read from Arthur H. Swift, giving an interest-  
ing account of his missionary work in Jamaica. He expressed  
a strong desire for \$5 to expend for pictures for his parson-  
class, and as that amount remained unexpended from \$10  
which had been voted for a library at Grandville, it was voted  
to appropriate it for that purpose. The Secretary was then called  
to answer his letter and forward the money.

After singing a reading was given by Laura Wheeler, in-  
suggested by Maria L. M. Smith. It consisted of a letter  
to the children for the good selection with which they had  
entertained the Conference.

Oliver J. Hunt, Luther C. Smith, Sarah Marble and  
Elisha J. Reed were appointed a committee to arrange  
for the next Conference.

The Conference then adjourned to meet in Worcester  
in March next, for a meeting before Sunday Morning  
at 7½ o'clock.

W. B. Thurston, Sec.



Woonsocket, 11m. 11m, 1891

The Conference met, pursuant to adjournment. A portion of Scripture was read, followed by silent prayer.

The report of the Conference held at Bolton was read and approved.

The names of the delegates were then called as follows:

Woonsocket, George M. Phillips, Edgar L. Smith, and  
Bryant, Isabel Smith;

Northbridge, Deborah P. Atherton;

Worcester, A. Smith, and D. Smith, and  
A. Phelps, Eva M. Babcock;

Bolton, H. Smith, and Paul A. Randall, and  
Arthur Babcock, were present with their

Reports were read from each of the schools except  
Mansfield.

The following table shows the contributions of each of the  
schools.

	Woonsocket	Northbridge
Woonsocket	141	76
Northbridge	29	17
Worcester	21	15
Bolton	60	8
Mansfield	7	7

The Treasurer's Report is as follows:

Ellis H. Smith, Treasurer, in an account of the  
field Quarterly Bible School Conference.

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carried over

Our friend, Huldah H. Lighton, then gave us  
account of her work at Ramallah. She began by describ-  
ing her arrival at Jaffa, the various steps to which she  
had been brought for - on her ship, the landing on land





was nominated in his place, and the list as thus amended was accepted.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses of this conference.

The conference adjourned to meet on Monday the 1st of February before Quarterly Meeting at 7 o'clock  
D. F. Atwood, Sec.

Worcester 2 mo. 10. 1892

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment. The 87 Psalm was sung followed by vocal prayer.

The report of the conference held at Woonsocket was read and accepted. The names of the delegates were called as follows.

Woonsocket, Abner A. Hann, Hattie B. Heston, Albert C. Todd, Elisha L. Read, Bruce L. Phillips,

Northbridge, Deborah S. Heston.

Worcester, Lydia A. Phelps, Abbot S. White, Sarah J. Wright, W. Marshall Babcock.

Boston, Lucy S. Small, Henry C. Babcock, Dorcas B. Babcock. Who were present except these.

Reports were read from all the schools except Burrillville and Mansfield.

Lyac were said to school at Bussellville had been discontinued through the winter.

The following table shows the condition of each of the Schools. No. Enrolled. No. Attendance.

Barnstable,	135	92
Northbridge,	21	18
Worcester,	29	16
Bolton,	67	46 $\frac{4}{13}$

The reports show an increase in enrollment and average attendance. Mention was made by one of the members of the Northbridge School, of the commendable interest manifested there, where the distance many came, was taken into consideration, often coming in very inclement weather.

No report from the visiting Committee. The attention of the Conference being called to the needs of Arthur E. Swift in his mission work at Jamaica it was voted to send him fifteen dollars and the Treasurer was authorized to forward that amount.

The advisability of dropping the Northbridge Conference was next considered, and it was decided that the change could not be made without amending the By-laws.

The business of the Conference being completed

we next listened to an essay by T. Marshall  
Babergh entitled "The Word",  
"In him was life; and the life was the  
light of men." John 1. 9.

We may easily find Christ, if we rightly  
seek him. He has done his part, and  
holds in his hands, the bread of life, and  
presents it to us to accept. In order to have  
this life, we must first die to self.

Then shall we be made a new creature,  
and partake of that word which is the  
bread that comes down from Heaven.

The supper of the Passover is being typical  
of Christ and the Passover supper, as  
typical of his body, of which Christ has  
said "If any man eat of this bread he  
shall live forever." Therefore in like manner  
as the Israelites were released from Egypt-  
ian bondage, so are we, if made alive in  
Christ, released from the bondage of sin.

Not as a Nation, but as we individually  
partake of his life, "The word made  
flesh and dwelt among us," and when  
taken from us the Holy Spirit the Comforter  
will be in his place, and each of Christ's  
disciples know, God through this communion,  
and with what joyous welcome will all



such receive their Elder Brother, when he comes again in like manner as he left us, for that this will be, we have God's word recorded in scripture. There will be the consummation of all our fondest hopes and hearts desires.

The sublimity of the completeness of the final rest, glory and we cannot understand now. But much we do know. It will not be a life of inactivity but one free from weariness and sin. How glorious will such a life be.

A expression of thanks was given for this interesting paper.

David Wheeler spoke in forcible language of the object of the conference, as a place where we may confer together and the speaker ask questions upon subjects that trouble them, and where we may all gain strength and instruction and a better understanding of our duties to God and one another.

Salome Wheeler, D. P. Whiston, Sarah Hinkle, Leatha B. Melcable, Eliza A. Read were appointed a committee to arrange for the next conference to be held the evening before Christmas, meeting at 7 1/2 o'clock.  
Lizzie A. Farney - sec -

Northbridge, May 10, 1892  
The Bible School Conference and ac-  
cording to adjournment. The 70th Psalm  
was, and followed by vocal prayer.

The report of the Conference held at  
Worcester was read and approved.

The names of the delegates were then called  
as follows, Woonsocket, Joseph S. Burgess,  
L. Isabel Reed, Grace L. Phillips,  
Jennie L. Lathrop Northbridge,

Geo. Bennett, Mary Bennett Worcester  
S. Eben Phelps, Lydia S. Phelps, Salmon  
B. Rockwood, Ann B. Rockwood,  
Bolton, Joanna H. Simmons, Grace B. B. B.,  
Edwin Wheeler, who were present except those.

Reports were read from Woonsocket -  
Northbridge, Worcester and Bolton -

The following table shows the condition  
of the several schools.

	No. enrolled	No. Attendance
Woonsocket,	184	72
Northbridge,	16	12
Worcester,	18	13
Bolton,	56	38
Massfield	7	5

An interesting letter, addressed to the Conference, from Arthur Th. Swift of Jamaica, describing his work at that mission was read.

The results of the work of the Mission in that place is most encouraging.

He gratefully acknowledged the gift of fifteen dollars from this Conference, sent by our treasure since last we met at Worcester.

The report of the delegates sent from the Massachusetts School to the Bible School Convention at Portland, Me. held in June, was read and was as follows.

The Convention was opened by singing hymns. Reading of 30th Ps. by Lewis Douglass. Prayer by Lizzie Larkin. followed by fine spiritual testimony meeting in which many took part. But the address of welcome by Henry Wood was most bold. He wanted the whole wide world for Jesus may we go forth to win souls for Him. We must work as well as pray and the work is not all within the four walls of the Sabbath school. Rev. Crossman said, People in every line of business must have conventions of empire notes, figures, and study their business in all its avenues looking at it in all its bearings and into



all its intricacies. It makes all the difference in the world whether we have systems or not. What I have said applies emphatically to the S. S. and here fore to this Conference. Never in the history of this country have S. S. Conventions attracted so much attention as now. Nearly all the States have them for S. S. work and not only in States but also in County, City and Town, and it means something more than to merely help the work of the Lord along a little. It means real business and since it is the Lord's work we should go at it for eternal results. We must unite our own individual business with the Lord's. No matter how simple the work. Conversion is the object of S. S. work and the Church should look for that result. The Lord holds us responsible for the souls of those with whom we come in contact. A great deal of living with God and for God is necessary to accomplish results.

David Douglass said as there is no home without the Mother, therefore the S. S. must have the Church to counsel and guide it.

The committee in charge, for the next conference was as follows. Susan C. Wheeler  
Lizzie M. Dow. Alfred Dow. Jesse Wheeler  
Samuel Wheeler. Adjourned to meet in  
Boston the evening before N. H. at  
7 1/2 o'clock.

Lizzie S. Varney. Sec

Bolton, Eighth Mo. 10, 1878.

The Bible School Conference met according to adjournment. A portion of Scripture was read, followed by vocal prayer. The report of the Conference held at Northbridge, was read and approved. The names of the delegates were then called, viz. from Wrentham, John M. Smith, Jennie Hathorn, Elsie H. Read, Grace Phillips, and Sarah Brown; from Northbridge, George Bennett, Mary Bennett, M. Abigail Parker, and Annie E. Miller; from Worcester, Lydia A. Phelps, and Susan C. Lockwood; from Bolton, Edward C. Miller, Mary F. Wheeler, and Lucy G. Small; seven of whom are present, out of the fourteen. Reports were read from Wrentham, Northbridge, Worcester, and Bolton.

The following table shows the attendance of the several schools.

Wrentham; membership of the school for the past quarter, 149. Average attendance 78. Ten classes; nine teachers. Northbridge. Membership 20. Average attendance 16.

Worcester. 3 classes, Average



attendance 4, which were friends.  
 Below whole number of scholars 60.  
 Average attendance 43 1/2.

Grace & Anne remarked upon the Bible  
 School being as a family.

Salome B. Wheeler attended to the book  
 of our faithful Bible School workers.

Ann Maria Rockwood, Lydia A. Hall,  
 and Anne Wheeler also attended to the  
 notes.

During the last quarter both  
 bridge and Bolton schools have been  
 visited by Ellen and Lydia Hall,  
 who report both very interesting.

Some exercises by the children then fol-  
 lowed. 1 Singing - "Jesus is the Child  
 benighted."

2 Flower exercise.

3 Recitation by Anna Candall. "The Lord  
 is my King." 4 Recitation by Stephen H. Dow.  
 "One Little Drop of Water"

5 Singing by John Hall and Lydia Hall.

Remarks of praise for the dear  
 children, and congratulations to their  
 teachers for their faithful painstaking  
 with them followed these exercises.

Our dear, aged friend Wm. Johnson  
 who was with us, in fervor of spirit,  
 seemed greatly blessed with the effects

of the children. The flower exercise was attractive, as a long row of children stood up, each with with a long bunch of flowers in one hand which was held up, and an appropriate stanza repeated.

The following question was then read for discussion.

"Is the Sabbath school doing as much for the young people of our country, to encourage them with the light of the gospel of Christ, to live noble Christian lives, as the saloon is doing to tear down and destroy?" Opened by Samuel Wheeler. The fact was stated that very large numbers of young men are found in the saloons; much smaller numbers in the church or Sabbath school. The Sabbath school has one powerful element in it that the saloon has not; that is love of souls.

Some alluded to the great Christian Endeavor Convention recently held in New York. It seemed a pity that the world was growing sicker.

David B. Wheeler thought the saloon was doing more evil than the Sabbath school was doing good. Temper-

ance as well as religion must be taught in  
Sabbath school. Lydia A. Phelps said  
the children will grow up; then "Dreadful  
King Alcohol." Alfred Dow said we have  
no cause to be discouraged; we are sure to  
conquer. Samuel C. Wheeler, Oscar C.  
Horse and others gave utterance to the same  
interest that felt on this vital ques-  
tion of temperance.

The following committee was then  
appointed to prepare for the next  
Conference: Eliza L. Reed, Jennie  
Lothrop, Isabel Reed, Grace Phillips,  
and Sarah Burke.

Conference closed by a hymn beauti-  
fully sung by Anna Taft.

Adjourned to meet at Honesdale  
in Eleventh month next, the evening  
before Quarterly Meeting, at 7½ o'clock.

Adeline L. L. Daniels.

Sec'y pro tem.



Woonsocket, R. I. 11mo. 10th 1892.

The Bible School Conference and according to adjournment. The 119th Psalm was read followed by a hymn & great prayer by Susan Thompson. The report of the Conference held at Bolton was read and approved.

The names of the delegates were then called as follows. Woonsocket, Flora M. Daniels, Emma B. Paine, Elisha L. Reed, Walter Ballou Northbridge, no delegate appointed.

Worcester, Calvin B. Birchwood & Marshall Babcock, Lydia A. Phelps. Bolton, James H. Babcock, Henry Babcock, Anna Wheeler and Alfred Dow. President except three.

Reports were read from each of the schools except Abansfield. The following table shows the condition of the several schools

	No. enrolled	Av. attendance
Woonsocket -	156	80
Northbridge,	21	18
Worcester,	20	16
Bolton	66	45 1/2

The Treasurer's report is as follows.

Ballie B. Babcock, Treasurer is accounted with Abansfield Quarterly Bible School Conference



the business of the Conference being concluded we listened to a very interesting address by Benjamin F. Truckner of Boston. Subject "How to Study the Bible." Superficially perhaps the Bible is the best known of all books but regarding the eternal truths it contains, people are not so familiar. The only way to interest the A. S. scholars, is to insist on their preparing their lessons in the same way as those given them in the secular school. The first method of which he spoke was the cover to lid method and consisted of reading the Bible through from cover to cover.

The second he called the brook method get the main idea of each and study with the object for which it was written constantly in view. The topical method could be used in connection with it - another plan was the comparative and contrast method, one ought never to use a text without knowing what precedes and follows it. The historical method for more advanced scholars.

The memory method nearly out of date but which ought to be revived. Last, but not least, the spiritual method. The teacher should always be in a spiritual mood. At the conclusion of the address a vote of thanks was



honored the speaker. D. Marshall Babcock,  
 Frank J. Swift, J. Russell Marble, Eben Phelps  
 were appointed a committee to arrange for the  
 conference next to be held in Worcester the  
 evening before 2d Mo. at 7 1/2 o'clock

Lizzie S. Farney, Sec'y

Worcester Cong. Ch. 1850  
 The 1st of Nov. Conference and according  
 to the order of the day in the absence of President  
 and Secretary, D. Kimball Babcock was  
 chosen President and Eva M. Babcock  
 Secretary. The 1st chapter of Gen.  
 was read, followed by vocal prayer by  
 Wm Thompson. The report of the Conference  
 held at Wrentham was then read and  
 approved. The names of delegates were then  
 given. From Worcester D. Kimball Babcock  
 Eva M. Babcock. From Boston Maria E. Wheeler  
 Lydia M. Wheeler. From Wrentham Maria E. Wheeler  
 Lydia M. Wheeler. From Northbridge Deborah P. Atherton.  
 No foreign guests. Wrentham not represented  
 by delegate. Reports were read from the  
 different schools, except Wrentham. In  
 Boston the exercises of the teachers in the  
 grammar class, to make the lessons interesting  
 was commenced. The following shows the  
 statistics of the schools.

	No. enrolled	No. attendance
Worcester	55	14
Boston	68	2
Northbridge	143	44 2/3
Wrentham		17

The Treasurer of the Conference spoke of the balance of money contributed for building a chapel for the school of L. V. and what the Conference wished to do with it. It was voted to keep the money in the treasury for further use of the original design, at the future disposal of the Conference.

The matter of giving up the Conference at Northbridge was laid before the meeting. And being thought not desirable that it should be held at that place, it was voted ~~to suspend the conference~~ <sup>it suspended</sup> Article 5 of the B. C. to hold the next Conference at Bolton. The business being concluded the Conference listened to an interesting essay by Deborah F. Thaxter, on "The McAll. Ministry".

The speaker of our Thanksgiving collection for November and thought it profitable to be reminded of other missions, doing such excellent work. and gave a religious history of France, that we might see the need of the Gospel work. At the time of the Reformation France did not seem so deeply in the field, as some of the Reformers were French or French speaking Countries of Europe. and there were many converts to the new doctrine. The English were found in all



class of society. In the South of France a  
large part of the population were adherents of  
Calvinism. But even the whole were not coming  
to the Reformation until the death of Henry  
II. During the reign of the same there was a  
war. The massacre of St. Bartholomew was the  
first scene of unrelenting malice. When order  
was restored Henry IV. issued the Edict of  
Nantes, which gave them free exercise of their  
conscience and they enjoyed it till the reign of  
Louis XIV. when persecutions, many  
escaping to England and Germany. And  
still others only remained in a few out  
of the way places. The king then tried to  
put down the Catholics and Protestants, and  
infidelity became the fashion.

The Protestants could do very little for the  
conversion of their countrymen. In this  
state of things the North American started.  
He then came on board from the boat  
called "The Dove" from the land of Calvary  
and related what he saw and some of the  
experiences of his mission, he and wife  
having gone many days to spend in their apost  
some time distributing tracts. The working  
people were very eager for them. one of the  
men gave him the "Macedonian" of France

a joyful reunion & Christian minutes they  
 who had to listen to him. After an evening  
 of the spirit and consultations with friends  
 they started the mission, their aim to interest  
 the poorest of the poor. The meetings are  
 still held in the same simple way but  
 with many helpers. A year ago there were 150  
 halls where meetings were held. A good work  
 is being done among the soldiers, and also  
 among the children. A recent improvement  
 is the mission boat, going up the rivers  
 and canals, stopping at the different villages  
 and holding meetings. The audience room  
 seats 100 persons. These rooms to be an open  
 room for work throughout France  
 and the Protestant churches have been  
 secured to help. Remarks were made by  
 Wm. and Susan Thompson on their visit to  
 this mission, also by John W. Hale, in regard  
 to the American North Mission, and others  
 expressed their thanks for the essay. After  
 which Lucy P. Small read an original poem  
 on mission, for which expressions of thanks  
 were given. Lucy P. Small, Edward Wheeler,  
 Arianna Hindman, Hannah Wheeler, Paul A.  
 R. Small, were chosen to arrange for the next  
 conference to be held at Bolton's on evening of  
 Feb. 16, 7 1/2 clock. Bro. M. Babcock. Secy. pro tem





The business of the Conference being concluded, we listened to a recitation of the Lord's Prayer. "I am a sinner, O God, have mercy on me." The books of the Bible were recited to the young girls. Some verses of the Bible and other scriptures were recited by the women. A hymn was provided by the conference.

Remains saying for the children and, on application, a full answer for the children. The children were asked to sing a hymn for the conference.

A hymn, was read by Abbie Randall.

The following questions were submitted for consideration.

1st How can the Society of Friends, be instrumental in the conversion of the world?

2nd Shall a Meeting of the Society of Friends, be instrumental, in the conversion of the world? and that day Meeting.

3rd How can a meeting of the Society of Friends best secure the needed public teaching and preaching.

4th How can the Society of Friends, be instrumental in the conversion of the world? and that day Meeting.

Many participated in the answers. the  
substance of which was as follows:  
First, by acknowledging God as our leader.  
Second, by acknowledging God as our  
sustainer, and the source of all our  
strength. Third, by acknowledging God as our  
father, and the source of all our love.  
Fourth, by acknowledging God as our  
savior, and the source of all our redemption.  
Fifth, by acknowledging God as our  
king, and the source of all our authority.  
Sixth, by acknowledging God as our  
judge, and the source of all our punishment.  
Seventh, by acknowledging God as our  
rewarder, and the source of all our blessing.  
Eighth, by acknowledging God as our  
punisher, and the source of all our curse.  
Ninth, by acknowledging God as our  
creator, and the source of all our existence.  
Tenth, by acknowledging God as our  
destroyer, and the source of all our annihilation.  
Eleventh, by acknowledging God as our  
redeemer, and the source of all our salvation.  
Twelfth, by acknowledging God as our  
sustainer, and the source of all our life.  
Thirteenth, by acknowledging God as our  
savior, and the source of all our redemption.  
Fourteenth, by acknowledging God as our  
king, and the source of all our authority.  
Fifteenth, by acknowledging God as our  
judge, and the source of all our punishment.  
Sixteenth, by acknowledging God as our  
rewarder, and the source of all our blessing.  
Seventeenth, by acknowledging God as our  
punisher, and the source of all our curse.  
Eighteenth, by acknowledging God as our  
creator, and the source of all our existence.  
Nineteenth, by acknowledging God as our  
destroyer, and the source of all our annihilation.  
Twentieth, by acknowledging God as our  
redeemer, and the source of all our salvation.

The meaning of the fourth question, being  
generally understood, it was thought  
best not to consider the question.

Second - Read a psalm. Psalm 133.  
Third - Read a psalm. Psalm 134.  
Fourth - Read a psalm. Psalm 135.  
Fifth - Read a psalm. Psalm 136.  
Sixth - Read a psalm. Psalm 137.  
Seventh - Read a psalm. Psalm 138.  
Eighth - Read a psalm. Psalm 139.  
Ninth - Read a psalm. Psalm 140.  
Tenth - Read a psalm. Psalm 141.  
Eleventh - Read a psalm. Psalm 142.  
Twelfth - Read a psalm. Psalm 143.  
Thirteenth - Read a psalm. Psalm 144.  
Fourteenth - Read a psalm. Psalm 145.  
Fifteenth - Read a psalm. Psalm 146.  
Sixteenth - Read a psalm. Psalm 147.  
Seventeenth - Read a psalm. Psalm 148.  
Eighteenth - Read a psalm. Psalm 149.  
Nineteenth - Read a psalm. Psalm 150.  
Twentieth - Read a psalm. Psalm 151.

Worcester, Nov. 8th 1893.  
 The conference was according to adjournment.  
 The business was brought to order, and was  
 opened by singing of hymns of the Boston  
 Church. The report of the Worcester  
 was read and approved.

The names of the delegates were then called  
 in. They were: Bertha Hotchkiss, Miss Batchelor,  
 Charles Pinkham, Bolton Susan E. Wheeler,  
 Alfred Dow, Alice How, Worcester, L.  
 Marshall Babcock, Eva M. Babcock,  
 Lydia S. Phelps. Northbridge Deborah G.  
 Whitman. The names were called, and the

Reports were read from each of the sev-  
 eral except Mansfield.

The following table shows the attendance

	No. enrolled.	At attendance
Worcester	176	113
Boston	73	44
Worcester	18	13
Northbridge	20	14
Mansfield	5	4

The Treasurer's report was read accepted  
 and was as follows.

A. Marshall Babcock, Treasurer



account, with Smithfield Quarterly  
 Bible School Conference.  
 Amount brought over from last year \$6.67  
 transferred by Massachusetts Bible School  
 for conference at Worcester 1892 1.00  
 " " " Worcester 1893 1.00  
 " " " Bolton " 1.00  
 " " " Wrentham " 1.00  
 Total \$10.67

Expenses of conference at Wrentham  
 1892 \$5.00  
 Paid for statistical cards 1.10  
 Total expense \$6.10  
 Bal due Conference Nov. 8th 1893 2.57

Contribution at Wrentham Conference  
 1892 for general of subscription 5.00  
 Pictorial Union sheets sent by Swift  
 at your order \$8.46  
 Paid for subscription for 1893 3.70  
 Bal. yet expended \$2.76

R. Marshall Babcock, Treasurer.  
 The list for which the officers were  
 appointed, having expired, Eliza J. Reed  
 and Alfred Dorr were chosen a committee  
 to prepare a list of names and report to



we catch occasional glimpses of the  
sea. The speaker continued, referring to  
the Mission. There is a family connected by  
Gilbert Harr and family.  
This cottage has several rooms and a  
fine view of the sea. G. Harr  
and his family are having a great  
time. The people are interested in  
the principals as brought by friends.  
The speaker said his attention was drawn  
to the need of help among the negroes  
at a place about a mile from  
the wall is some miles distant from the  
Mission. At first we held our hands  
in the air till the close of the year  
when we made a tent and met in that.  
There were many conversions and souls  
were born into the kingdom in the  
night. Then the Lord laid it upon me to  
buy a piece of land and build a chapel.  
For we could not meet any longer where  
we were. I experienced great difficulty in  
obtaining a clear title to the land: at last  
found a suitable plot that I could get  
for 12£. God has supplied the means and  
wonderfully blessed me in the work. I thought



of but of me what means I had of my own  
and even the collection was taken into  
a very light, airy, airy, airy, airy, airy  
in the building of the Chapel. Length, 24 ft.  
is 24 x 48 ft. and one of the nicest buildings  
on the island. The people work on the  
estates, in the corn fields, and banana  
plantations. They were formerly slaves  
and their moral condition is low, old habits  
stay by them, but they are trying to do better  
and when one is truly converted shines  
as a bright spot in a dark place.  
In their gatherings they have great feasts  
a big cake, wine and dancing, they cannot  
afford it for they only receive 1/2d. to  
1d. for day for board, but on the  
are a small part to. They speak the English  
language. The spoke of the wheel of  
which, there are three on the island. They  
are much more than the negroes.  
They are a fair looking people than the  
negroes. Having very pretty children, in  
color nearly white. They should expect  
some to return to his labor and assist  
the correspondence of those that are

interested in him and his work. He said  
he was done for good, from other business  
and they missed the home assembly.  
The two years spent in Japan have  
been years of wonderful blessing. The  
Lord has been right by my side all the  
time. I cannot get that shine back.  
I have spread the word; he has made  
a way where there was no way. He had  
sent him, from England. The Illustration  
Season, which sent him by the conference  
and then it was joyful to him, and  
he thanked the Society for them.  
William and Susan J. Thompson gave some  
account of their visit to Ramallah and  
their hopes of returning there in the near  
future. They had thought that their  
work of that place was done but the  
Lord had called again.  
W. Marshall Babcock, J. Bussell, Harb,  
John G. Swift and Ellen Phelps were ap-  
pointed a committee to prepare for the con-  
ference next to be held at Worcester the  
coming year. The meeting was at  
7 1/2 o'clock.

Lydia A. Garrison secretary.





March

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The Conference then listened to an address by Charles Sumner of Concord, N. H. Sumner spoke of the L. M. Service, and the history of the Anti-Slavery. He said in the course of his address a study of this question could not but show the great importance of this branch of church work. It stands in the first place very closely related to the national welfare. What more I think of this kind is done, has still given the most prominent place to it in the Republic. And when it has been done and given up there is a marked decline in morals.

In some of the cities too, in western New England where the work has been dropped the criminal record is worse, than some of the worst European countries. Nations of nations show the same thing, and eastern Connecticut reveals the same facts. If we do not do this work, we shall feel throughout the nation the blasting withering influence of crime in a largely increased degree.

Some of you may doubt we are in any danger from this cause. They think the country is well supplied with faithful religious workers and that is all. But the Anti-Slavery Secretary of the American Sunday Union whose office is at No. 11, Beacon St. Boston. He says there are

young men, to fill professional  
 and mercantile spheres in the great centres  
 of population, and if they will receive the  
 true influence of the Christian school training,  
 they will give the world a new and  
 anti-christian <sup>and</sup> the grace of God. This  
 training is important for the young  
 people themselves. Whatever intellectual  
 attainments are, it is more important  
 that our young people, know the way to heaven,  
 than to know the geography of the globe.  
 It is more important that they should be  
 able, and know of God, than to make any  
 scientific treatise whatever. And when we  
 remember that such right kind of training  
 is the Christian's duty, and that  
 they are the only ones who will become the  
 greatest influence to save the young.  
 It is the greatest influence of the church  
 at this time. A few large percentages of men  
 could send the Christian school, and young men  
 are said to have been obliged to  
 discipline a church member who came into  
 the church in childhood.

So while no church should think of closing  
 its door to any applicant, however weak.

it should with special kindness, welcome  
those whose life is all before them.

Our school should be a place where the  
lost are found, the dead are raised, the  
good are lost beyond recovery. Our Sunday  
School should be as thoughtfully organized  
as our day schools. Those who are entrusted  
with the management of the work need  
to be staunch, steadfast characters and  
have a real enthusiasm in work, should  
have also a living heart to win the  
heart of Jesus Christ. Let those who come  
into close contact with the scholars, have  
a close fellowship with the Lord, and  
both consciously and unconsciously, their  
words, deeds and lives will be  
powerful in the work, influencing the  
sinner and soul out by the spiritual, living  
counsel, which speaks from the heart  
and life of the dedicated teacher.  
Let the plan of the work be the principle  
thing, it is not a question of teaching, and  
not because of the superior importance  
of the work, but because the time is  
short - only an hour a week and some  
times only in half hour. And to get  
results worthy the name, we must drop



out all matter of secondary importance, and  
about concluded to the long and narrow of  
the Holy Spirit.

Now Helwig thought the nation was far  
from enough spoke of the method in England  
of the superintendent reviewing the local  
church members with all the scholars.

But Helwig was with the church and church  
reading a session of the church at work.

The situation of the world in 1840, on Luther's  
day, produced in life, the things above them.  
Luther was a man who in his mind was  
very well guided in the Bible and was  
a good worker. By the church cannot go to  
the church and church school. The church  
then go to church as there is an influence  
that will get much from the Bible and  
the Sunday School until he was twenty years  
old, as the father would not allow him to  
go. He spent his Sunday afternoon in  
reading the Bible and other good books,  
filling his mind with the word of God.

When there is a good flourishing church  
school, the church has a good scholar.  
I think some speak the importance of  
committing to memory the scriptures. He  
thought there should be a time of  
atic study of the word with the church.

at home, the boys looked forward to the  
starting the table with them and the usual  
dinner. Isaac H. there spoke of writing the  
minutes to leave a chapter and please  
to repeat from memory.

The following were chosen to arrange for  
the next Conference to be held in Bolton  
Mass. Hiram, Edward H. H. H.  
Alice M. Dow.

The Conference then adjourned to meet  
in Bolton Mass. in the morning. The  
conference was a great success.

Eva M. Babcock. Sec.

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1911.

Received from the American Museum of Natural History, New York, the following specimens of the genus *Chrysomela*, the same as those which I have already received from the same source. The following are the specimens received from the American Museum of Natural History, New York, the same as those which I have already received from the same source.

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How can the loss of life be restored after  
 it has been lost?

How can the loss of life be restored  
 if we have lost it?

Is there any one who has lost his life  
 and would have him restored to  
 the place of the loss of life?

What is the Garden of Eden a type?

What was the place of the lost  
 life of Adam?

What was the place of the lost life of Adam?

What was the place of the lost life of Adam?

Which of the four gospels is the  
 one that is the most complete?

The Garden of Eden was a garden  
 in the Holy Spirit. (Gen. 2:8-9)

What was the Garden of Eden a type of?

After the fall of Adam, the Garden  
 of Eden was a garden of righteousness.  
 The Garden of Eden was a garden of righteousness.

How can the loss of life be restored after  
 it has been lost?

How can the loss of life be restored after  
 it has been lost?





They dictate loudly as to their right to  
rule and say they will not have this  
same trouble with you.

They often say we are equal persons.  
I do though I believe  
Lillian's mother said she was not of the  
same of life, but suggested some  
things in the women's house to others  
of the same. I told an experience of one  
of the children in a high school  
of two hundred little boys. The boys, I felt  
not surprised and encouraged. The  
household was always full and  
enthusiastic never seemed to get tired  
to read to his home with the  
determination to find out his work.  
And I found he spent three quarters  
of an hour in prayer to God before  
coming to the school. He will get  
up at eight o'clock and keep on his  
exercises. He was very good. I have  
seen to work as much as when he was  
in his own work. Among the children  
there of the highest in which among  
the very good.

Thomas had a family conference  
enjoyed the service of the children.



## Woonsocket, R. I.

Eleventh Mo. 7<sup>th</sup> 1894.

The Conference met according to adjournment.

The President read the 27<sup>th</sup> Cam. A period of silent waiting followed. The secretary being absent Adeline S. F. Daniels was appointed Secretary for the evening. The report of the last Conference, held at Bolton, was read and approved. The names of the delegates were then called as follows.

From Bolton Susan B. Wheeler, Dorcas M. Babcock, Henry B. Babcock, Worcester, D. Marshall Babcock, Eva M. Babcock, Sarah F. Swift; Woonsocket, Nellie Phillips, Oscar F. Morse, Thomas Steer, Innabronston; who were present except three. Reports were read from Bolton, Worcester, and Woonsocket Bible schools, no report from Mansfield. No report from Northbridge, but the printed card of questions has been received from the Superintendent of that school, with blanks filled out, giving about the same information.

From these reports we gather the following information.

Bolton;	7 classes,	enrolled 75,	average attendance 48.
Worcester;	5 " "	42,	" 25.
Northbridge;	3 " "	17,	" 14.
Woonsocket;	10 " "	161,	" 99.

Bolton reports; "All the older scholars have seemed to enjoy the study of the lesson and the teachers of the younger classes have made the lessons pleasant and instructive." This school reports and conveys



sion, for which we praise the Lord. It reports  
\$5. 95 raised for school purposes, \$35.50 raised  
for other purposes. Worcester reports; "We  
have raised the past quarter \$11. 95. Amount  
paid from the treasury to Cambridge Mission, \$10.  
To Jamaica Mission \$10. To the Indians \$10.  
None paid for school purposes." No card report  
was received from Worcester, and no information  
given as to the spiritual condition of the school.  
Northbridge reports by the card; "Good interest  
on the part of some in Bible study. No money  
raised for school purposes. \$3. 52 for other pur-  
poses." Woonsocket reports; "A good degree  
of interest has been manifested in Bible study  
the past quarter. Teachers' meetings were re-  
sumed after a rest through the summer months,  
and are well attended. Amount of money con-  
tributed for school purposes \$21. 52. For other  
purposes \$13. 64. This school voted to contribute  
one dollar for the use of the Conference.

This school voted to recommend to the  
Conference at this session, that the Bible-school  
Conference be discontinued, as the Quarterly  
Meeting has appointed a Superintendent of Bible  
school work, and requires through him, quar-  
terly reports from the different schools. The  
secretary of Woonsocket school was instructed  
to request the secretary of the Conference to in-

from the various schools that this matter was to be brought forward at this time, so that each school could consider the subject beforehand.

This recommendation was accordingly considered after the Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report of Smithfield Bible School Conference for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1884.

Amount on hand from last report, \$ 4.57

Receipts for the year, 5.96

Total 10.53

Expenditures, 2.94

Balance in Treasury, 7.61

D. Marshall Babcock, Treasurer.

The matter of discontinuing our Conference being now taken up, the delegates from Bolton and Worcester reported their schools not in favor of so doing.

The weight of opinion among those present seemed to be in favor of continuing our Conference.

It was urged, by some, that it was unfair to take an evening before each quarterly meeting for the Conference when there were other important subjects to which it would be profitable to give an evening.

Wm. P. Pinkham said that a Bible School Conference was very elastic. Temperance, Missions, Peace, &c. are very properly parts of Sabbath school work. Some of these subjects have, in the past, been given a large part of the Conference evening.

It was voted to continue our Conference.



John Hester, David H. Babcock, and D. Marshall Babcock, were appointed a committee to retire and select officers for the ensuing year.

Wm. P. Pinkham now read an essay entitled "Some reasons and remedies for the poverty of results in our Sabbath-schools; of which the following is a synopsis. — The present value of our Bible schools not doubted, yet we know that its results fell far short of our wishes.

A few of the leading, underlying causes are, 1<sup>st</sup> Disbelief on the part of teachers. This is a startling suggestion, perhaps, but experience bore it to be a correct one. A teacher actually taught her scholars that the Bible miracles were all falsehoods. Another teacher disbelieved the future enduring punishment of the finally impenitent. Another denied the personal identity of the soul after death, and the future resurrection and judgment. Another ridiculed the doctrine of the personality of Satan. When such disbelief existed in the minds of teachers the schools could not, and did not, witness conversions.

2<sup>d</sup>. Another prolific root of failure is unbelief teachers gladly teaching that which really has no place in their own hearts and lives.

Under such teachers no conversions are to be looked for. 3<sup>d</sup>. A third hindrance to



success is ignorance of the underlying truths of the gospel; and a fourth the indifference of teachers to the public. Each of these causes of failure was illustrated by examples, all of which, except two, had come under the writer's own observation. The remedies suggested were: 1<sup>st</sup>. The teachers should be experimental Christians, living in the spirit of true discipleship. 2<sup>d</sup>. That they have recourse to needed helps, of which a live, praying teachers' meeting could be one. 3<sup>d</sup>. That the church awaken to her duty, and see that her members are indoctrinated in Christian truth.

4<sup>th</sup>. That parents see that their children know the Scriptures; and finally, that teachers, parents, and the church see that the children are early converted, since an hour with a converted class is often worth more than many hours with the unconverted, in the teaching of Bible truth.

Owing to the lateness of the hour there was not time for the discussion of this valuable essay. A vote of thanks was rendered to Mr. P. Pinkham for it.

The committee to bring forward names for the annual officers proposed the following.  
President, Wilfred Dow, Bolton, Mass.  
Treasurer D. Marshall Babcock, 17 Sudbury St.

Worcester, Mass. Vice President Oscar S.  
Horse, Woonsocket, R. I. Secretary, Adeline  
L. H. Daniels, Milville, Mass.

The committee then nominated to prepare  
for the next Conference to be held at Wor-  
cester the evening before quarterly meeting in  
the second month, were D. Marshall Bab-  
cock and Ella G. Andrews.

A motion was then made that the Con-  
ference be adjourned, which was carried.

Adeline L. H. Daniels.  
Secretary, pro tem.







A report was received as given of Northbridge sch.  
John Metcalf spoke of an interesting feature of the  
Mason's School. The Superintendent asks  
questions on the beam to be answered by the whole  
school. He thought it very desirable to learn the  
memories well, and more ought to be done in  
indoctrinating Friends' principles. The truth as  
we believe it, ought to be taught more in our  
schools. Many go out into the world all at sea in  
regard to the doctrines of Friends. Samuel  
Arnold wished to emphasize the teaching of Friends'  
principles. He used a Baptist Quarterly for  
some time. They always had one doctrinal  
question in every lesson. When Phelps spoke  
of the blackboard illustrations in Worcester school,  
drawn by one who has lately given his heart to  
God, and the interesting talk upon them by the  
Superintendent, John Metcalf suggested that  
the money in the treasury be taken to provide  
Arthur Swift with the Illustrated Lesson Sheets.  
The Conference voted to appropriate the money that  
way, and appointed D. Marshall Babcock to pur-  
chase and forward them to him. The Conference  
then listened to the exercises prepared by  
the Worcester Sabbath-school. A Reading by  
Willard Swift. Who shall Roll the Stone away?  
A Song. Standing on the Promises. A Reading  
by Chas. Donaldson. Pilot's Wife's Dream. (

A reading by Rev. H. Gilchrist. An old man in a  
 stylish Church. An essay by Lucia Jaques. Patience  
 in God's Justice. Rom. 3, 19. Is God unrighteous  
 who taketh vengeance? We can all understand how  
 in all matters of government, if punishment is not  
 dealt out to those who violate the law, that the head  
 of the government falls in disrepute. The writer thought  
 that had been turned to the length of time God waits before  
 executing His sentence of condemnation. How  
 marked the contrast between God and man in this  
 respect! How often in the home the child feels the  
 effects of the parent's hasty temper; and the work  
 man the quick resentment of his employer. But so  
 with God. He waits and waits that sinners may be sa-  
 vious, like the gardener pleading for the tree that  
 was a cumberer of the ground. Sometimes peo-  
 ple turn from disobedience, like Jonah. Sometimes  
 they turn away the stroke of vengeance by repentance  
 as did the Ninevites. But if God's mercy is con-  
 tinually refused, the cup of His judgment fills  
 should up, and when "the fullness of time" comes,  
 He pours it out. Thus it was in the days of Ab-  
 ram. He was not given the land of Canaan, nor  
 his seed, until the fourth generation. Why did not  
 God slay Saul when he disregarded His instructions  
 to utterly destroy the Amalekites? Why did He not carry  
 the Israelites into captivity in the reign of the wicked Ahab?  
 Why did He not bring destruction upon Jerusalem in



the dove Jesus was crucified? Because maturity  
will, as well as youth, God writeth for.

Recitation by Forrest Wheeler; Be A Home.  
Shepherd of the Flock Dickey; The Model Church.  
An Essay by Ella L. Andrews. Heart Power.  
Heart Power is of all others the most benefi-  
cent. The heart of Christ is His supremacy  
over so many millions of our race! He is  
not ranked as a genius or orator, yet his  
speech distilled as the dew, and his word have  
an inextinguishable power, which neither igno-  
rance, depravity, nor unbelief can resist. When  
we seek for the reason of this power we shall find  
in it that which vitalizes all all the truths  
His teachings express. Here, then, lies the se-  
cret of Christian usefulness. Ministers of the  
gospel, Sabbath-school teachers, parents and all  
who desire to impart the gospel must let it pass  
through the fervid affections of the heart. In the  
Kingdom of Heaven the heart is master.

Paul says, For with the heart man believeth  
unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession  
is made unto salvation. They who put the most heart  
into their work have most success. This is a  
truth too often forgotten in these days, when so  
much stress is laid upon methods. Did you ever  
feel the joy of winning a soul for Christ? If so  
you will need no better argument for attempting to



spread the knowledge of his name to every creature. Christ gives peace by healing the diseases of the soul, not by satisfying restless and unholy cravings. The world's false peace begins in delusion, goes on in sin, and ends in perdition. Christ's peace begins in pardon and grace, goes on in quiet trust, and ends in glory. A Recitation by Henry Kemp; - Burial of Moses. A communication from Adeline L. F. Daniels, the Sec'y, was read, expressing her regret at being absent, and in regard to the closing minute of the Massachusetts Conference; also a desire that the spiritual condition of the schools be given in the reports. An expression of appreciation of this letter was given by the Conference, and the present Sec'y instructed to answer it. A subject for discussion was announced; God's Justice. Opened by D. Marshall Babcock. The unbeliever cannot see God's justice in the truths of the Bible; as in visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children; on the same ground he objects to the vicarious atonement; the innocent suffering for the guilty. There is no justice in Christ's dying for sinners. We look at it from God's standpoint. It all came by God's love to man. God is love, and He can do nothing contrary to it.

(continued after the Constitution following.)

Constitution  
of the  
Friends Bible School Association of  
Christfield Quarterly Meeting.

To promote the welfare, education, stimulation  
and encourage Bible school workers, to greater  
effort in the promotion of religious education.

To hold the members of the Association  
and institutions, as well as the mode of  
promoting the spiritual welfare of those in  
our schools.

To render aid to the members of the Association  
in their efforts to reach the  
afflicted of Christ.

To collect facts and statistical information  
from our schools, for presentation at our  
conferences.

By Laws.

Art. 1.

This association shall be called the Friends  
Bible School Association of Christfield Quarterly  
Meeting, and shall consist of the several

to vote within its limits.

Art. 2.

The officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary.

Art. 3.

The duty of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the association. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. The Treasurer to receive all moneys raised for the association, and use them in accordance with its direction. The Secretary shall record the doings of each meeting, and reports from each school. Said officers to be elected annually.

Art. 4.

A committee shall be appointed annually, consisting of two from each school whose duty it shall be to visit the several schools quarterly, and report what in their judgment could be done to best promote the objects of the association.

Art. 5.

Meetings of the association shall be held once in three months, at such time and place as the association shall determine.



Art. 7.

The annual meeting of the association shall be held at the same place as the annual preceding the quarterly meetings in N. H. Mass. at 7 o'clock P. M.

Art. 8.

All the schools in this association are to send reports to each conference of the condition of their schools during the preceding quarter, giving the number of teachers and scholars enrolled, number of classes, average attendance, amount of collections, and such other information as the association may require. For the purpose of statistics, these attendances being the greater constitute a scholar.

Art. 9.

Each school is recommended to take up a collection each quarter for the purpose of the association and forward the same to the Treasurer.

Art. 10.

All meetings of the association shall be opened by reading a portion of Scripture

and an opportunity given for other appropriate exercises.

Art. 10.

A Committee shall be appointed at each Conference to make arrangements for the next Conference, and provide such services as shall promote the interest of the denomination.

Art. 11.

This Constitution and By Laws may be altered or amended only at the annual Meeting, notice of any alteration to be made shall be given at the preceding Conference, and such action shall be notified by the center at least two months before said annual Meeting.

He told Abraham if he would walk perfect  
before Him, he would be his protector, and  
of his seed after him. We find the descend-  
ants in bondage in Egypt. When it was  
time for them to come up out of Egypt,  
God sent Moses to take them out, but it  
took forty years for them to be established  
in God's love. Then we find them soon  
after in captivity in Babylon. When God sent  
them; they were so hardened in their hearts  
we can be thankful that some heard the voice of God though years,  
could not receive him. What otherwise would  
have become of us? The speaker could see no  
injustice in love sacrificing self; the highest  
attainment we can reach. Remarks were made  
by John Metcalfe and others. A committee  
was then chosen to prepare for the next con-  
ference. viz. Adelaide E. Wheeler, Alfred S. P.  
Dow, Susan E. Wheeler. The conference then ad-  
journed to meet in Bolton the evening before  
Quarterly Meeting in the Eighth Mo.  
Sarah Steere offered the closing prayer.  
Cora M. Babcock.  
Sec'y pro tem.

















